

SNOW GLOBE

Create a snow globe for older people living in care homes and bring some festive cheer! Choose your own decorations for the inside. Gently shaking the snow globe will move the glitter and give the impression of falling snow!

Equipment needed

- 1 clean jar with matching lid (e.g. jam jar or pasta sauce jar)
- Waterproof figurine (ceramic or plastic) and any other waterproof decorations
- Strong clear glue
- 2 teaspoons of glycerine or baby oil
- 1 tablespoon of glitter



Method

1. Before starting, give your jar a good wash and scrub off any labels. Half fill the jar with water and turn it upside down to check that it doesn't leak. Empty the jar, then leave it to fully dry.
2. Once the lid is dry, it's time to arrange the inside of your snow globe.

Glue the bottom of your figurine to the inside of the lid. Hold the piece down for a few seconds each time, to make sure it is tightly set. Repeat this for any other decoration you are using. Once finished, allow time for the glue to dry before starting step 3.



3. Fill your empty jar with water, leaving a small gap at the top.

Tap water works fine, but if your water is particularly cloudy, you could use bottled water instead.





4. Add the glycerine (or baby oil).

5. Add the glitter. Mix gently with a spoon.

Adding too much glitter will make it hard to see the decoration inside, so a small amount is best!



6. Carefully lower your lid (with the decoration attached) into the water. Screw the lid onto the jar. Make sure it's tight!

7. Turn the jar over carefully so the lid is at the bottom and check if your snow globe leaks. If there is extra space at the top of the jar, you can turn your jar back the other way and add a little more water.

Once you are happy, you may want to glue your lid permanently shut to make it extra safe.



8. You're finished! Shake your snow globe gently and admire what you've made!

9. Take your snow globe to your local care home for the older people to enjoy.

We recommend that you also include card or letter with your decoration that introduces yourself:

E.g. "Dear....., my name is and I walk past your care home on my way to the park so I thought I would make you this snow globe to bring you some joy."

Other things you could include in your message:

- Your favourite thing about winter
- Your favourite Christmas song or carol
- What Christmas means to you

