

This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. You may remember this winter game from a past ArtCart. You can make and play a game of Winter Bingo or use the winter words to play Winter Word Matching. Think of all the things that you may see during the cold, snowy months of the year. Hats, mittens, scarves, and boots! Or hot cocoa, shovels, and snowsuits. (no swimsuits, unless you are on vacation!) You could play a third game by hiding the cards around the house and see who can find a card first. This will keep you laughing, if you find a shovel hidden in a boot!



1-On a piece of paper or cardboard, make nine boxes all the same size. Make a "free space" in the middle. You will need **at least two** cards, if you play with someone else. Get pictures of all different winter things. Draw and color these, cut them out of magazines or use stamps. Maybe- hats, boots, ice skates, a penguin, hot cocoa, or a shovel. Make at least **three** more pictures than the number of boxes and create as many pages of pictures as the number of game boards that you have. Cut out the pictures and glue one picture in each of the eight boxes. Write the name of the winter picture in the box. On the next game card, glue the pictures in different spaces. Write all the words for the pictures on another piece of paper. This will be the "calling" page. Give the calling page to someone, and you are ready to play winter bingo. Lay out the game boards. Use anything to cover the space, when the word is called that matches one on your board. Some fun ideas are M&M's, mini-marshmallows, cotton balls or pennies. Everyone, automatically, gets a game piece on the middle, "free space". Now remember, this is Winter bingo, so if you match three pictures in a row, (across the board, down the board, or from corner to corner) you have to say the magic words-Three in a row, snow, snow, snow!

2-For the twist, you can make two cards for each winter word that you come up with. After you have colored or decorated the cards, turn them over and write on each one, the name of your game. I chose, "Winter Words". Mix them up and lay them flat on the table, picture side down. The first player turns over two cards, trying to match the pictures. The player with the most matches, has the most matches! There are no winners or losers when you are having fun and making memories with family or friends.

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