

This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. The snow has fallen on the ground and we can now enjoy a winter wonderland. The white sparkle you sometimes see on the snow is just light reflecting off the top of ice crystals when it is cold on the surface. If light bounces off the bottom of the crystals, color can be created in shades of blue, reds, and purples like a rainbow. Let's have some fun weaving a sparkling snowflake inside where it will not melt.



1-Use a paper plate or a white cardboard circle and draw lines that look like a snowflake. Straight lines work best for this project. Fewer lines work well for younger artists. Put holes at the end of each line and one hole in the middle. This middle one is the hardest to get to, but you can use the end of a pen or pencil to punch the hole. You may need to ask an adult for help here. Try to make it a bit larger to fit a few strands of string that will go through during weaving. Take a long piece of string or yarn and weave it through all the holes to create a snowflake on the inside of the plate. You can have more than one string on each line. End on the back of the plate and tie a knot with the leftover string.

2-Create crystals by running glue along the string and sprinkle glitter on top of the glue. Let the glue dry and shake off any extra glitter. A paperclip or string tied on one of the outside holes can be used to hang up the snowflake. If you did not crisscross any of the strings of yarn on the back of the plate, you can cut off any excess **between** the snowflake (yarn) lines. Hang it up in the window or on the front door and watch it sparkle in the sunshine or moonlight.

Let your light sparkle!

-Ms. Susan