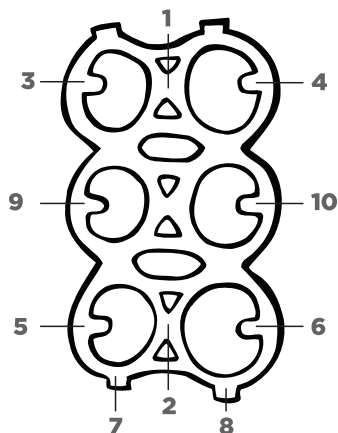


Winter magic activity

RECYCLED SNOWFLAKES

WHAT YOU NEED

- 20 plastic pop-can six-pack holders
- staples and stapler
- patience

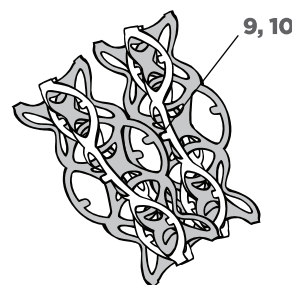
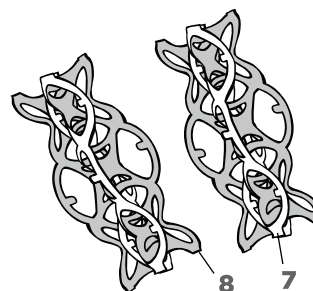
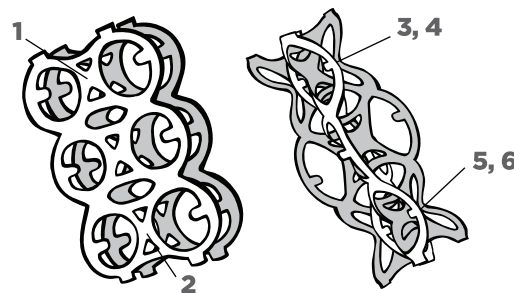


EVERY YEAR, MEMBERS ASK HOW WE MAKE THE COOL PLASTIC SNOWFLAKES IN OUR LOBBY.

IT'S MAGIC AND HERE'S HOW!

WHAT TO DO

1. Take 2 pop-can holders. Place them back to back and staple at points 1 and 2 as illustrated. Fold one holder forward and staple points 3 and 4 together as well as points 5 and 6. Fold the bottom holder back and repeat. Think of this unit as your first Basic Building Block.
2. Repeat this step with the 18 other pop-can holders so as you have a total of 10 Basic Building Blocks.
3. Staple point 7 of one Basic Building Block to point 8 of another. Repeat until you have connected all 10 of your Basic Building Blocks. Now flip over and repeat.
4. You now have a floppy snowflake. To give it structural integrity, staple point 9 to the adjoining point 10 and repeat this step right around the circle. Now flip over and repeat. Congratulations. You have made your snowflake ornament. If you like, spray paint it or sprinkle it with sparkles.



Science World member and dedicated volunteer Munro MacKenzie originally shared this activity with us. Munro cautions people to take care when disposing of any pop-can holder. Please rip apart any of the plastic circles. Birds and small animals can be trapped in holders they come across in landfills. Instead, do the environment a favour and turn your pop-can holders into snowflakes that you can reuse year after year.

