

Making Ice Crystals!

Growing your own ice crystal at home is super easy - and is sure to wow your kids. Plus, you're sneaking in a science lesson

What you need:

- 6 Tbsp borax powder
- 2 cups water
- A pot (to boil water)
- Glass jar
- Pipe cleaners
- Clothespin



What to do:

1. Put the water on to boil. While you're waiting, make a snowflake by cutting two pieces of pipe cleaners approximately 2 inches long and then twisting them together. Then twist the rest of the pipe cleaners in any kind of shape you'd like. Make sure to leave one piece of the pipe cleaner longer than the rest.
2. Attach the clothespin to the longest piece of pipe cleaner and trim the edges of the remaining pipe cleaner, if needed, to make them even.
3. Add the borax powder to the jar. Pour the boiling water into the jar (This is a job for the adult!).
4. Lower the snowflake into the solution, using the clothespin across the top of the jar to keep it from falling in. (You don't want the water to cool down before the pipe cleaner is added to the solution.) The water should cover the snowflake.
5. Have your kids observe the crystal every few hours to see how it is changing, or even consider making a time-lapse video!
6. Your crystal will be "done" in about six hours. (The longer you let the snowflake sit in the solution, the more crystals will form.)

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