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The Great Mouse Orchestra

Packed
with
festive
activities

ACTIVITY
PACK!

One brave mouse. One secret song. One magical night.



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CUT OUT DECORATIONS

There's nothing better than decorating your home in the winter!
Simply ask a grown-up to help you cut along the dotted lines and use a
hole punch to make a hole at the top. Then you can use string or ribbon
to hang your decorations wherever you like!





FILL YOUR OWN WHEELBARROW!

Antoine's wheelbarrow has lots of fantastic bits and bobs to help him with his inventions! What special things would you keep in your wheelbarrow? Something shiny and sparkly? Something warm and soft? Draw them in the wheelbarrow below!



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SPECIAL PAPER CHAINS FOR WINTER NIGHTS

Making paper chains is the perfect way to make your mouse-house feel cosy and festive on cold and frosty nights!

You will need:

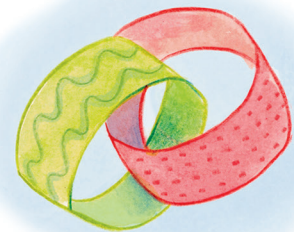
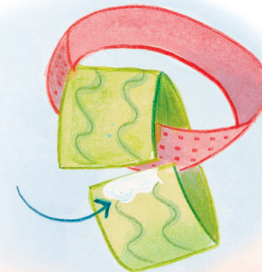
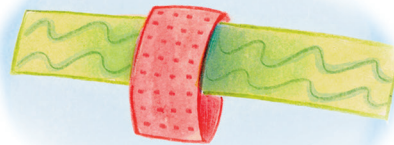
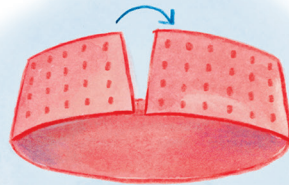
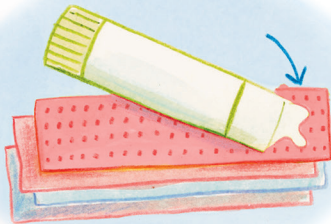
Coloured paper

Glue

Safety scissors

1. Carefully cut or tear your paper into neat strips.
2. Take a strip of paper and glue just one end.
3. Bend the strip into a loop and stick the sticky end to the other end.
4. What a brilliant loop! Time to do it again, but this time . . .
5. Slide the second strip through the middle of the loop you just made.
6. Glue the end of the second strip, bend it into a loop and stick the sticky end to the other end.
7. Now you have two brilliant loops! You can do this as many times as you like to make your paper chain longer and longer.

*Now it's time to hang it up,
ready for your celebrations!*



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ANTOINE'S SPECIAL HOT CHOCOLATE

There's nothing better than a mug of hot chocolate to warm your paws on a cold winter night. Here's how to make it!

You will need:

50g milk chocolate
400ml milk
Whipped cream, if you like
1 big jug
1 saucepan
2 mugs

Ideas for toppings:

Marshmallows
Strawberries
Sprinkles
Chocolate buttons

1. Ask a grown-up to help you to carefully chop or grate the milk chocolate.
2. Put the chocolate into a big jug.
3. Heat up the milk – you can use a microwave, or a grown-up can help you heat it up in a pan.
4. Pour a big spoonful of hot milk over the chocolate in the jug, then stir and stir and stir until the chocolate all melts into the milk.
5. Slowly pour in the rest of the warm milk and stir until it's all lovely and smooth and frothy.
6. Pour the hot chocolate into two little mugs, top with some swirly whipped cream and decorate!



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DECORATION MAKING

Decorations can make even the darkest winter day feel sparkly and magical – just the way the magpies like it!



You will need:

A piece of card
Paint, glitter or pens
Safety scissors

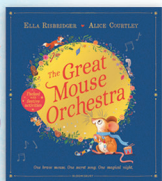
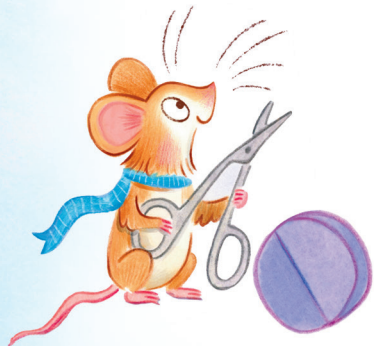
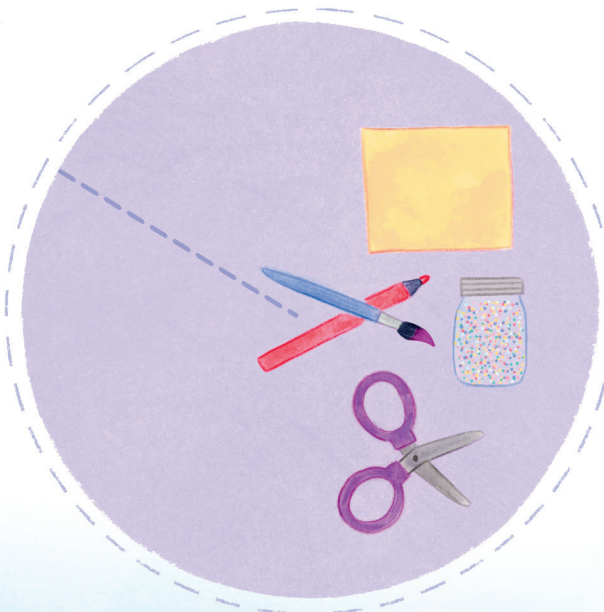
TOP TIP!

Any shape that has a line of symmetry down the middle will work here! Why not try to make some more?

1. Using one of these templates, trace and cut two identical shapes out of card (round and star templates below).
2. Decorate both sides of each shape with paint, glitter or colourful pens!
3. Cut a line in each of the shapes – one at the top, and one at the bottom.
4. Slot the two cards together. Ta-da!
5. Now it's time to attach your handle, so you can hang your decoration wherever you want (like a tree branch!). Use the template here to trace and cut out your handle.
6. Then glue each end to the sides of the star in a loop.



Handle



INSTRUMENT MAKING

Music is all around us – from rulers and jam jars to pots and pans!
Can you help Jeremy and his friends make instruments for The Bin Bat Bandits?



JAM JAR SHAKER



1. Put some dried beans in a jam jar (fill it halfway).

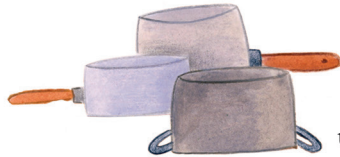


2. Screw the lid on tight.

3. Now: shake, shake, shake!



SAUCEPAN DRUM KIT

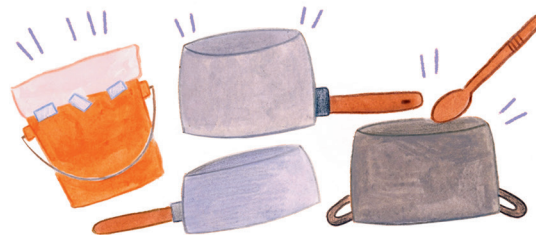


1. Take three or four saucepans and put them upside down on the floor.

2. Add a bucket with some paper taped over the top.

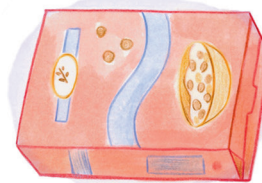


3. Now: bang, bang, bang!



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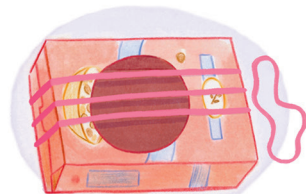
BANDIT GUITAR



1. Find a small cardboard box, like a takeaway carton or a cereal box.



2. Ask a grown-up to help you cut out a round hole in the box.



3. Take four elastic bands and stretch them around the long side of the box and over the round hole.



4. Now: strum, strum, strum with your fingers!

SLAP BASS RULER



1. Find a ruler and hold it against the edge of a table.



2. Now: twang, twang, twang!

