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The Magic of Snow

When it snows, flakes **float** in the air. At first **glance**, snow may seem too light to be a building material. But when it collects, it is perfect for shaping into forms.

You can make snow people by rolling snow into round balls. First, find a **patch** of snowy ground. Then, use a big ball for the body and a smaller ball for the head. You can add a hat, a carrot nose, and stone or acorn buttons. You can even make a **cradle** for a baby snow person to sleep in!

Another thing to build out of snow is an igloo, a cozy home made of snow blocks. The blocks must be cut into shapes that fit together. Then they are stacked in a circle to create a dome shape. Inside, it stays warmer than outside, even when it is **empty**.

Some kids build snow forts. To build a fort, **collect** snow and pile it up to make walls. Then dig out windows and doors. If the weather gets too warm, a snow fort can start to melt and **leak**. The walls might even **split** and **burst**. But don't worry. If a snow fort gets **flat** or damaged, you can always rebuild it with more snow!



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