Cotton Swab Snowflakes

You can choose to work directly on wax paper, or you could also use a circle of construction paper to mount your snowflake. Whichever method you choose, place a dollop of glue as a central starting point. The tips of the cotton swaps will fan out from this central point.

Cut off one side of a cotton swab. Repeat until you have enough swabs to create the base of your snowflake.

When you like the arrangement, add a bit of glue to the top of the joint to make sure you have a good seal.

Add more cotton swabs to form patterns on the branches of your snowflake, if desired. Older kids and teens may wish to snip their cotton swabs into shorter lengths for variations in the pattern. Use dollops of glue at the joints to hold them together.

Allow the snowflake to dry thoroughly

If you made your snowflake on wax paper, gently peel the wax paper away from the snowflake and the dried glue.

Did you know that scientists have found that there are actually 35 patterns for snowflakes? They all have six sides, but there’s tremendous variation beyond that.

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