




Winter Challenge

Make ice baubles, containing bird food, for your garden

Ice baubles are about having crafty fun with winter. All you need is balloons, a plastic bottle with no cap, string, twigs, water and bird food/seed. The items just have to be small enough to fit down the bottle neck and balloon tube.

- Cut the bottle in half as the neck end will be used for a funnel.
- Stretch the mouth of the balloon over the bottle's mouth.
- Tie the end of about 30cm of string to a small, short, twig – this will be used to hang the bauble.
- Push the twig with string into the balloon through the funnel. Make sure the rest of the string is left hanging outside the balloon.
- Push the bird food down the funnel into the balloon. It might help to use a chop stick to push the items through the neck of the balloon but be careful with berries, and such, as these can easily be squished.
- When all your items are inside the balloon, gently pour water into the funnel to fill the balloon. Stop before the balloon stretches too thin. Tie the balloon with its end.
- If you want very clear ice effect, no bubbles, then boil the water first and let it cool (it gets rid of the CO₂ in the water – for the science geeks).
- When the balloon is frozen solid, take the rubber off and you are left with an ice bauble!



If you are part of KCU, you will **earn 1 Learning Credit** for making the ice baubles. Evidence could be a photographs of you making the baubles, a Learning Log and your parents' upload to Social Media.

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