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*Snow makes whiteness where it falls. The bushes look like popcorn balls. Places where I used to play, look like somewhere else today.*

It Starts with  
a Snowball ...

MONET MOUSE'S  
**ARTRECIPE**  
Pet Snowball

**Ingredients:**

- Skein of white yarn
- Scissors
- Google-y eye stickers

- \* Open wide one of your hands.
- \* Wind yarn round and round the widest part. (Your fingers.) Go round at least 25 times!
- \* Set the wound bundle down.
- \* Cut a piece of yarn to tie the bundle tightly in the middle.
- \* Cut the loops through on each end.
- \* Do it all again.
- \* Criss-cross the two sets of bundles and tie them together in the middle, too.
- \* You might want to cut a longer piece of yarn to make a leash.
- \* Shape and trim the yarn ball as desired: a fluffy pet snowball!
- \* Attach two google-y eyes while you think of a name.



*Monet Mouse*

MONET MOUSE'S  
**ARTRECIPE**  
 Snowman Family  
 or Self Portrait

**Ingredients:**

- Blue, grey or black paper
- White chalk
- Assorted colors of oil pastels
- Q-tips

❄️ **What shapes make a snowman?**

Draw the circle shapes with the white chalk - one on top of another - to build a snowman.

❄️ **How many people are in your family?**

Make circle outlines and build a snowman drawing for each person.

❄️ **What size should they be?**

Fill them in with chalk, but be gentle! Draw lightly with the chalk and smudge just a little with a q-tip or your finger to soften and blend.

❄️ **Using the colorful oil pastel, add a hat, a ribbon, a scarf, a favorite color- something that reminds you of each person. A portrait is something you make that looks like someone. If you, it is a self portrait.**

❄️ **Add some dots of snow. How do you like the white chalk and colorful oil pastels on the dark paper?**



Monet Mouse

**Monet Mouse sings a Snowman Song:** *(To the Tune of: Frère Jacques)*



Where's the snowman? Where's the snowman?

He's right here. He's right here. *(Points at himself.)*

Now the sun is shining. Now the sun is shining. *(He reaches his arms overhead to make the sun.)*

Where'd he go? Where'd he go? *(Monet Mouse pretends to melt in a heap on the floor.)*

He hops up, stretches, and thinks about his squeaking good time building with snow.

Time for just a few more snowballs - tee hee - yummy popcorn ball snacks with his friends.  
 Sound good? Join them!