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POP UP HABITAT FOR POLAR BEARS



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45 mins



4-11 yr olds



indoor fun

Create an icy pop-up habitat displaying the variety of life that lives in the Arctic where sea ice supports a wide range of animal species from microscopic algae to the world's largest land carnivore, the polar bear.

What you'll need

- A recycled cereal box
- Recycled tissue and colourful paper
- Recycled wrapping paper
- Other recycled materials such as bubble wrap, foil or wrapping paper
- Pens
- Eco-friendly glue
- Scissors

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Instructions

1. Save a used cereal box and cut out one side. Fold in half and cut some evenly spaced slits into the fold. Open up and pop out to create a card with pop-ups.
2. Collage colourful tissue pieces to create a background representing the ocean and the sky. Research pictures of the Arctic for inspiration. There are many more colours to see than just blue and white.
3. Now you can add the sea ice which is essential for the polar bear's survival. You could use recycled bubble wrap, used foil or old gift paper.



8. Now add some of the species that live in the Arctic. Have a look at the species below and draw them using paints, pens or crayons.
9. Stick these onto some recycled cardboard then cut them out.
10. Leave an extra tab at the bottom of each cut-out which you can glue on to the habitat to create a pop-up effect.
11. Display your Arctic habitat for others to see.



By helping protect the polar bear, we can also help to make sure the Arctic food chain stays healthy, for the benefit of wildlife and people in and beyond the Arctic.

ARCTIC SPECIES

Use these images of some of the species found in the Arctic as inspiration for your habitat.



Polar bear



Reindeer & Caribou



Bowhead



Beluga



Narwhal



Walrus



Seal

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