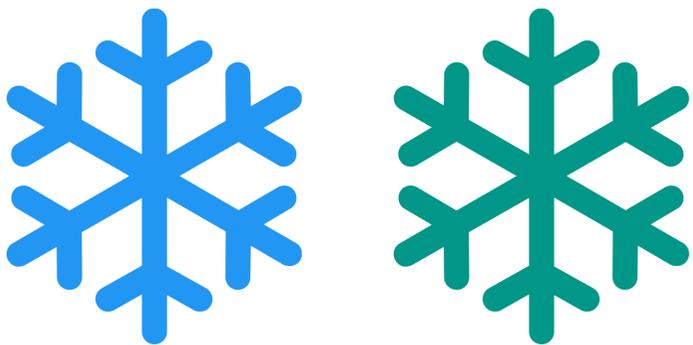


# Create Nature-Filled Ice Suncatcher Ornaments

The cold weather during winter months provides new and unique opportunities to interact with nature. Crafts activities involving ice can be both beautiful and fun. For this month's activity, we're going to create a nature-filled ice suncatcher ornament.

Go on a nature walk near your house or in a nearby park. Gather some items you find along your walk, such as leaves, pine needles, twigs, pine cones, berries and grass. When you get home, put these items into a container such as an aluminum pie plate, cake pan or plastic food storage container. Fill the container with water and leave it outside overnight. If the temperature is too warm, you can place the container in the freezer overnight instead.

Once the water is completely frozen, pry your ice suncatcher ornament out of the container. Use a drill to make a hole near the center of the ornament. Attach a piece of string through the hole so that you can hang the ornament in the sun.



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**Ice can make for beautiful outdoor decorations. This month we're making ice suncatcher ornaments for your home.**

## Did You Know?

**A suncatcher is the optical equivalent of a wind chime. While wind chimes produce pleasing sounds to listen to, suncatchers produce beautiful colors to view.**

**When a suncatcher is placed in direct sunlight, it refracts the light rays in many directions, producing colorful rainbows and light flecks which get scattered around the room.**th and 19th centuries.

**Disclaimer: Supervision and safety of children participating in these activities is not the responsibility of Zoology Foundation. All children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.**

We'd love to see you completing this activity. If you would like, please send us a picture of you playing this game so that we can share it on social media. Please email pictures to [info@zoologyfoundation.org](mailto:info@zoologyfoundation.org).



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