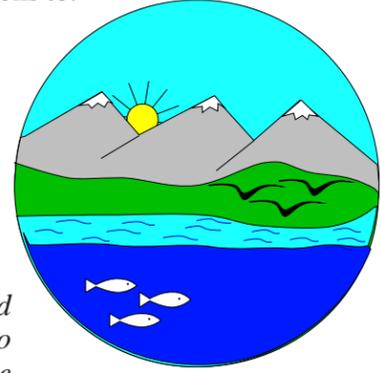


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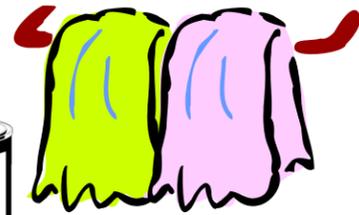


Dear Mother Nature:

Why does it snow?

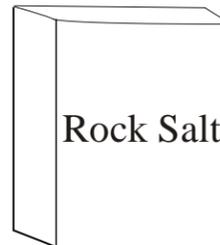
As we talked about before, clouds contain water vapor and little ice particles. These pieces of ice get heavy then start to fall. If the air is cold, the particles stay frozen and fall to the ground as snow. The ice particles are called crystals. The shapes depend on how much moisture is in the air and how cold it is.

Naturally Yours,
 Mother Nature



Let's Make Snow

- What you need: (adult assistance required)
- 2 empty coffee cans (3 & 5 pound)
 - 1 bag crushed ice
 - 2 terry cloth kitchen towels
 - 1 box rock salt
 - ½ pound dry ice
 - Sharp knife, masking tape



1. Wrap one towel around bottom of large can, using tape
2. Put some crushed ice in bottom, sprinkle w/ rock salt (1 part salt to 2 parts ice)
3. Put small can inside large can & pack more layers of ice & salt in space between (to the top of small can)
4. Blow into small can. The moisture in your breath forms a little cloud.
5. Have adult hold dry ice with the other towel & scrape a little bit into the cloud w/knife. Tiny ice crystals start to form.
6. Blow again into the small can. This adds more moisture to the cloud causing the ice crystals to grow. Watch them become real



Make Snowball Cookies

(Makes 24) from Creative Teaching Press

You will need:

- 1 cup softened butter or margarine
- 2-1/4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup confectioner's sugar
- ¾ cup chopped walnuts or pecans

Directions:

- Pre-heat the oven to 300
- Mix all the ingredients together
- Roll the dough into 1 inch balls
- Set each ball on an ungreased cookie sheet
- Bake for 10 - 15 minutes
- When the balls are cool enough to hold, roll in more confectioner's sugar to look like snow balls.



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