

Mini Winter Home

Students will create their own survival home,
just as if they were an animal trying to survive in the winter!



Materials:

- Outdoor area
- Art supplies

Instructions:

1. Lead students to an outdoor space. Put students into groups of whatever size you want (we recommend groups of 2-4 for this activity).
2. Have students imagine they are animals in the winter. If you watched the Outdoor U video, ask your students to think back to what they learned. Have students pretend to burrow, sleep, and dig in the snow.
3. Next, have students build mini winter “dream homes” in their small groups.
4. When they are building, ask your students about what their animal might need or want in their home in the winter. Encourage your students to collect materials from nature to use in their home, just remind them not to pick living things.
5. When all groups finish making their mini winter home, have groups give each other “home tours.” Ask questions about the aspects of each home that might help the animal survive in the winter.
6. Once you go back inside (or if there isn’t a good place to go outside), have students draw their dream mini winter home.