

FROSTY OLD WELL

Create this frosty Old Well using pipe cleaners and Borax. This family fun activity is often used to make snowflakes and icicles. We think you will enjoy this Carolina twist on a family favorite.

SUPPLIES

- 2 white pipe cleaners
- 2 blue pipe cleaners
- 12 Tablespoons Borax
- 4 cups water
- Glass jar with wide opening (3 1/2")
- Zip tie or fishing line



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut the white pipe cleaners
 - a. Cut 4 3" pieces
 - b. Cut 1 8" piece



2. Cut the blue pipe cleaners.
 - a. Cut 1 8" piece
 - b. Cut 1 1 1/2 " piece
 - c. Cut 1 3" piece

3. Shape the Old Well.

- a. Bend the 8" white pipe cleaner to make the base. You will overlap the ends of the pipe cleaner to create a continuous loop. Bend to match the shape pictured.
- b. Attach the 4 3" pieces to form the columns by bending one end around the base of the Old Well.



- c. Bend 8" blue pipe cleaner to form the dome. Overlap and twist the ends to secure the shape.

- d. Attach the dome to the base by bending the column pieces around the base of the dome.



- e. Center the 1 ½" blue pipe cleaner in the center of the dome and bend to attach at the top and the base of the dome. Bend the 3 1/2" blue pipe cleaner into a V shape. Place the V at center of the dome and bend the ends to attach to the sides (roughly at 10 and 2 on a clock face).



- f. Adjust the pieces to match the picture.
g. Attach fishing line or a zip tie to the top of the Old Well.

4. Bring 4 cups of water to a boil. Add 12 tablespoons Borax into the wide-mouthed glass jar. The jar needs to be wide enough to suspend your Old Well without touching the sides. Pour the boiling water over the borax and mix until no longer cloudy.
5. Place the Old Well in the jar. It must be fully submerged. Lay a pencil across the top of the jar and suspend the Old Well by the fishing line. The Old Well should not be touching the sides of the jar inside the mixture.



6. Leave overnight. After a few hours you will see the crystals begin to form on the pipe cleaners.
7. Remove and safely discard the water and crystals that have formed in the bottle of the jar.
8. Display your frosty Old Well in a window.

