

# Reproducible Activity Sheet

## Make a Snow Globe

**S**NOW GLOBES BECAME POPULAR in the nineteenth century, and the most ornate of them showed intricate landscapes. Since then, they've been paperweights, collector's items, and, above all, fun things to have on your shelf and give as a present. It turns out they're very easy to make at home. You will need:

- \* A glass jar with a lid that screws tight. A small baby food jar does the job, as will a larger bottle with a secure lid. (Remove any sticky labels of the jar with vinegar and steel wool or a scrubby sponge. If the sticky stuff remains, fill the jar with water to weight it down, and leave it to soak overnight in a larger bowl filled with a water-and-vinegar mixture in it—filling the jar with water holds it down in the mixture. You can also try soaking the jar and label overnight with vegetable oil or peanut butter.)
- \* Fun doodads that will fit in the jar and can be glued to the inside of the lid, like plastic dolls, game pieces, or Lego accessories. Try just about anything that can be glued, won't come apart in water, and that's not too big to get into the jar.
- \* Glue or clay that's strong enough to keep the doodad connected to the lid. Try glue from a hot-glue gun, superglue, modeling clay, or florist clay, which you can purchase at craft stores.
- \* Glitter
- \* Water



First, glue the doodad to the lid of the jar with the strong glue of your choice. You can also use a large enough piece of modeling clay to fit the lid and to hold the doodad. Set it aside to dry fully. Make sure the doodad is really sticking.

Then, when the glue is dry, fill the jar most of the way to the top with cold water, leaving some room for air. Add a few teaspoons of glitter. You can also add a little bit of something called glycerin to the water. It's available at drugstores, and it thickens the water so the glitter will fall more slowly.

Finally, close the lid tight, and shake. Once you're sure you have the right amount of water and glitter, take the lid off and dry it well. Put some glue on the inside edge of the lid, and glue it tight to the jar. You can hold it tight with clay, too. Allow the whole thing to dry before shaking.

