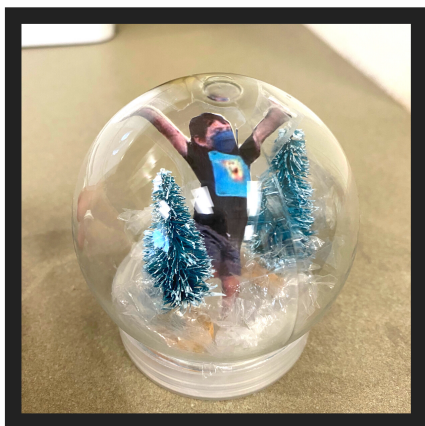




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## DIY Photo Snow Globe

Learn to make a winter scene snow globe with a photo of friends or family inside. Both a water and non-water option is available.



## Ingredients (Included):

- Plastic snow globe
- Glue gun + glue stick
- Self-laminating sheets
- Cardstock
- Vial of extrafine glitter
- Vial of snow "confetti"
- Mini evergreen trees
- Ribbon

## You Supply:

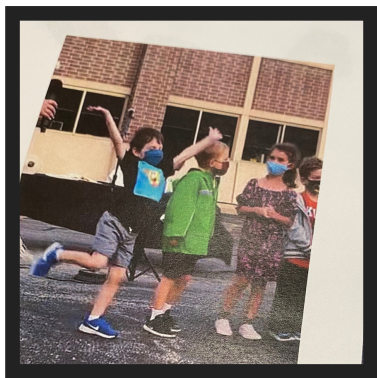
- Photograph or camera
- Printer
- White glue, like Elmer's
- 1/2 tsp to 1 tsp of vegetable glycerin (optional)
- Extra decorations (optional)

## Directions:

Find the picture you want to use in your snow globe. If you take it with your smart phone or a camera, take it against a white background, but you can use a photo you already have as well.

Using your computer and an image program, or your smart phone and an app, resize the photo to fit inside your snow globe. The picture should be around 2 inches high. (If you don't have a printer, you can do this at the library!)

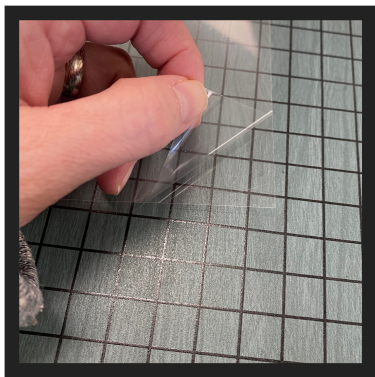
Print the photo out, glue it to the cardstock, and cut it out.



Take one of the self-adhesive laminating sheets and use it to seal one side of the picture. Peel off the backing film and place the photo to the sticky part of the laminate. Repeat the process with the second sheet on the other side. You're basically sandwiching your photo between two sheets of laminate.

Use a ruler to smooth out air bubbles. Press really hard. Then cut the picture out, but leave a sealed border around the edge to prevent water leakage.

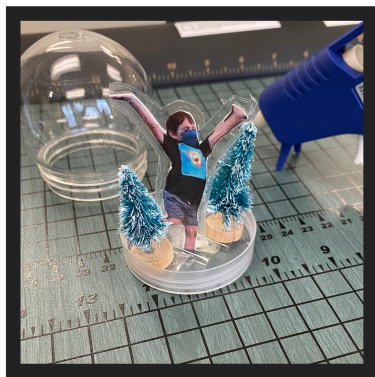
This is harder than it sounds. Mine started to come apart where I had cut it so I don't think I pressed hard enough. You can add packing tape to the edges if they come apart.



To make the image stand, fold down the bottom part of it. This image didn't work as well as I'd hoped, because I could only fold over one foot, so it wasn't very stable.

Open the snow globe by unscrewing the cap. Remove the white plastic circle on the inside of the cap. Attach the image to the inside of the cap with hot glue. Hold in place for 30 seconds to a minute to let dry.

Then place and glue the mini trees and any extra decorations you want and allow the glue to dry.

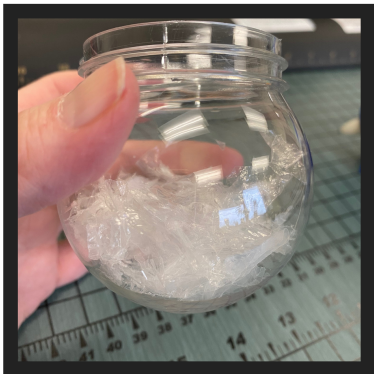


## **Water or No Water?**

Both are fun and will look equally nice. The snow globe scene will last longer with no water, but it's not shakable. With water, you can shake it to make the glitter swirl, but the plastic and wood base of the mini trees will degrade over time. (I was unable to find pure plastic.) Also, if your photo is laminated improperly, water could leak in. It's up to you!

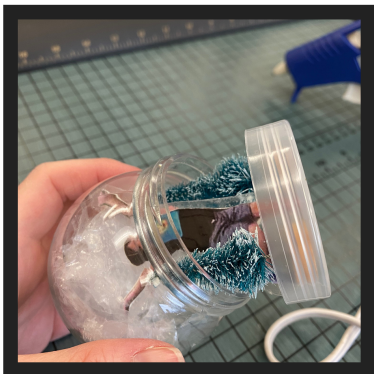
### No Water :

Pour the snow confetti into the bowl of your snow globe. You can use the super fine glitter as well if you want more sparkle. Flip over the base, where you glued everything, and insert it back into the snow globe bowl. Screw shut and shake a bit to get the snow confetti to the bottom.



### With Water:

Fill the snow globe with water (do it at the sink!) and glitter and whisk the mixture to scatter the glitter around. **Skip the snow confetti -- the plastic pieces will just float at the top.** I highly recommend adding a bit of vegetable glycerin to make the glitter float longer.

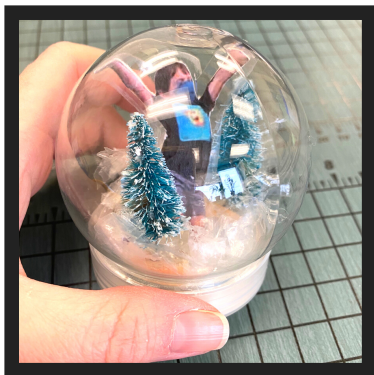


Flip over the base and insert it back into the snow globe bowl allowing the excess water from the displacement to leak out. Screw shut when it looks like a good level and flip over. Dry it when it looks tight enough for no water to leak out.

Once your snow globe is done and dry, you can use the ribbon and hot glue to decorate the base.

I did my sample without water because I didn't trust my nephew not to unscrew it.

Enjoy!



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