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Dear Readers:

Have you noticed all the icicles hanging down from the roofs of buildings? Do you know how icicles form? Let's talk about it, then do some fun activities having to do with ice.

As you know, this year we've had a lot of snow that has piled on the roofs of buildings and our homes. The heat from inside the house rises up and goes through the roof. This slowly melts the bottom of the piled up snow. It begins to run down the roof. As the water drips over the side, it gets cold. It freezes again making small icicles. The icicles grow longer as more snow melts and runs down the small icicles and freezes on top of the old ice. Walk around your neighborhood and town to see all the different looking icicles.

☀️ *Naturally Yours, Mother Nature* ✨

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Make Your Own Icicles!

You will need:
pencil
plastic cup
string
water
needle or pin

- ★Punch 3-4 holes with a sharp pencil, around the lip of the cup.
- ★Tie 3-4 inches string through each hole, then tie the ends of each string to make a hanger.
- ★With the needle, poke a very small hole in the bottom of the cup.
- ★On a cold night, fill the cup with water and hang it outside.
- ★When you wake up the next day, there should be an icicle hanging from the bottom of the cup.



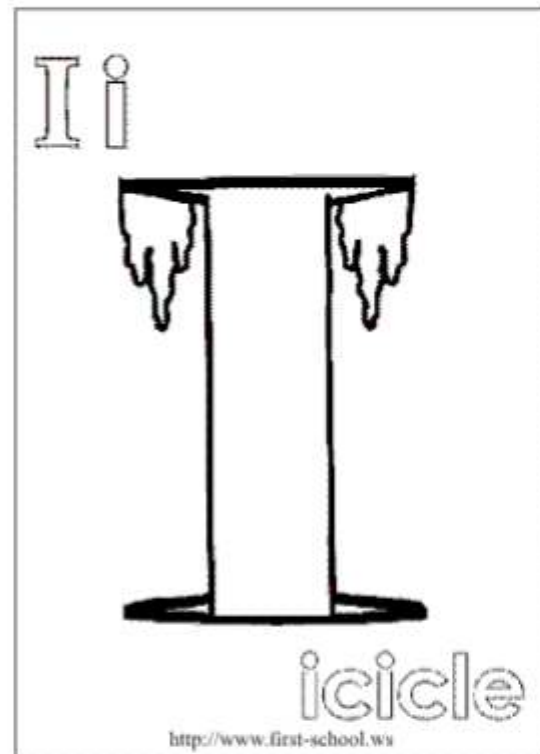
Icicle
Ice cream



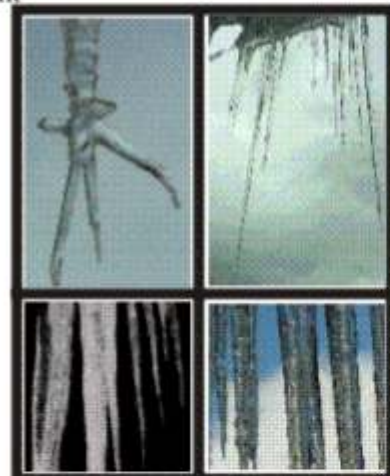
You need::

A spoon, large plastic bowl
Aluminum foil, a small jar or glass
Salt, chocolate soy or whole milk

- 1.) Fill the jar about 2/3 full of chocolate milk and cover the jar.
- 2.) Place the jar in the center of the bowl.
- 3.) Add a layer of ice around it.
- 4.) Sprinkle lots of salt over the ice.
- 5.) Add layers of ice & salt until the ice reaches the top of the jar.
- 6.) Take the foil off the jar and stir the chocolate milk.
- 7.) Stir until the milk begins to freeze (15-25 minutes).
- 8.) When the mix is like soft ice cream, grab a spoon or straw.
- 9.) Enjoy your ice cream!



Icicles take on many different shapes!



Icicle photos by Marko

Do you have a question?

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