

Create some fun winter characters by recycling and reusing empty water bottles. Get creative and give each character its 'own style!

# What you will need

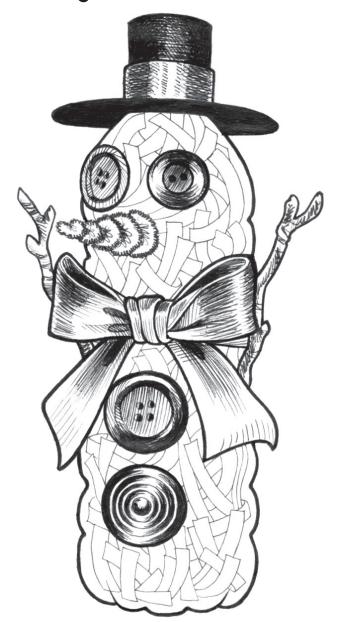
- Clear water bottle
- Shredded office paper
- Red ribbon
- · Assorted buttons
- Black construction paper or felt
- Sticks
- · Orange pipe cleaners
- Scissors
- · Hot glue

## Let's get creative

**Note:** Adult supervision is needed when using scissors and hot glue gun.

- Remove the wrapper from the water bottle and allow to dry. Stuff with shredded paper.
- 2 Cut circle of black construction paper/felt and make slits in the center with scissors. Fit over cap. Cut a strip of black and wrap around the side of the cap.
- Glue the strip and glue a ribbon around the base of the hat. Tie a ribbon around the middle of the bottle in a bow.
- Twist an orange pipe cleaner around the tip of a pencil to make a carrot shape, then glue above the ribbon on the body.
- Glue two stick arms to the side of the body, two buttons above the nose for eyes, and a few buttons below the ribbon.

# Recycled Winter Characters



## Santa Character Craft Instructions

- 1 Remove the wrapper from the water bottle and allow to dry. Stuff with shredded paper.
- **2** Wrap red ribbon around the base of the bottle and glue. Wrap again around the bottle cap and glue, pinching the top together to form a hat.
- 3 Glue twine around the middle of the bottom ribbon three strands wide. Glue white pom pons around the top of the bottom ribbon and around the bottom of the cap ribbon. Glue one pom pon on the top of the cap.
- 4 Cut a rounded heart shape out of pink construction paper/felt and glue some shredded paper for a mustache. glue a pink pom pon over the mustache and attached two buttons above for eyes. Glue button to the twine belt and glue the face to the bottle.

## Reindeer Character Craft Instructions

- 1 Remove the wrapper from the water bottle and allow to dry. Stuff with shredded paper.
- Wrap a large piece of brown construction paper/felt around one side of the bottle, leaving a two inch gap of exposed bottle. Glue to the bottle and fold in the top around the bottle cap. Wrap red ribbon around the bottle cap and the loose seams and glue, pinching the top to make a santa hat shape. Glue a large white pom pon at the tip of the cap, and smaller ones around the bottom of the cap.
- 3 Using more brown construction paper/felt, cut a half moon shape (tail) and a rectangular strip (ears). Stuff some shredded paper into the half moon shape and fold in half, gluing to the backside of the bottle. Cut the two ends of the rectangular strips into points and glue two pieces of almond shaped pink construction paper/felt near the ends. Pinch the piece in the middle, and glue to the front of the santa hat.
- 4 Using brown pipe cleaner, make two antlers and glue at the bottom of the ears. Make some star shapes out of shredded paper and glue to the back of the bottle. Cut a guitar pick shape out of brown construction paper/felt for the head and bend along the sides. Glue in front of the ears and antlers.
- Cut two strips of brown construction paper/felt (legs) and two small triangles of black (hooves). Attach the triangles to the ends of the strips and glue to the front of the bottle. Cut a piece of ribbon and fray the ends to make it look like a scarf. Wrap around the bottle, covering the tops of the legs and glue in place with a button over the center. Glue two buttons for eyes on the face and one red pom pon for a nose.

