

# PENGUIN HABITAT DIORAMA

Follow the instruction below to create a penguin habitat diorama.

## YOU WILL NEED

- Shoebox or similar-sized box
- Blue and white paint (for water and ice)
- Construction paper (various colours including black, white, and blue)
- Cotton balls (for snow)
- Glue and scissors
- Plastic wrap or blue cellophane (for water effects)
- Small toy penguins or penguin figures (if not available, make penguins out of clay or paper)
- Additional decorative items like glitter (for snow) or small pebbles and sticks
- Optional: silver foil to mimic icebergs

## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Prepare the Box:** Paint the inside of the shoebox blue to represent water. You can paint the top part of the sides white to represent the ice and snowy landscape of a penguin's habitat. Allow the paint to dry completely before proceeding.
- 2 Create the Ice and Land:** Use silver foil or white construction paper to create sections of icebergs and snowy areas. Cut the paper or foil into shapes that resemble ice caps and glue them to the bottom of the box, creating raised areas where the penguins can 'stand'.
- 3 Add Water Effects:** Cut blue plastic wrap or cellophane into strips or patches that mimic water. Glue these over the blue-painted base to give a shimmering water effect. This layer can partly overlap the ice sections to create a more integrated look.
- 4 Decorate the Habitat:** Glue cotton balls to the white areas to enhance the snowy effect. You can pull apart the cotton to make it look fluffier and more like real snow. Arrange small pebbles and sticks around the diorama to add natural elements that you might find in a penguin's environment.
- 5 Place the Penguins:** Position your toy penguins or handmade penguin figures around the diorama. Some can be placed on the ice caps, while others might be near the water's edge. If the penguins are made from clay or paper, ensure they are sturdy enough to stand.
- 6 Finishing Touches:** If you like, sprinkle some glitter on the snowy areas to give a glistening effect that mimics the sparkle of real snow under sunlight. Consider adding labels to different parts of the diorama, such as naming specific areas like "Nesting Grounds" or "Fishing Waters". This can be both educational and add a nice touch to the display.
- 7 Presentation:** Once the diorama is complete, children can present their habitat to the class or family, explaining each element and what they learned about penguin habitats during the project.

Follows a sequence of steps to create an artwork

