

## EXPLORE THE NORTH POLE WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR HOME.

We've all had those days. You know ... the kind where you're searching for something fun to do with the family, but you just can't seem to find any inspiration? Well the good news is you've landed on "Solution Street," where imagination is the answer! In this "Polar Expedition" printable tool kit, you'll find directions for turning an unexpected day at home into a journey to the far reaches of the Arctic – all with the help of great crafts like our Pipe Cleaner Penguins and our delicious Penguin Cupcake recipe. You can even add in your favorite Hasbro Family Game Night game like Pictureka Flipper to take the experience to the next level. And, for even more boredom-busting inspiration, be sure to visit: [FamilyFun.com](http://FamilyFun.com).

### SET THE SCENE FOR YOUR ARTIC-THEMED ADVENTURE

In the subsequent pages, you'll find easy-to-follow crafts and recipes for creating your own Arctic-themed adventure. Before you get started, take a little time to set the scene for you and your family. How? It's easy. Just use items you already have in your home. Once you've "set the scene," print out the accompanying recipes and craft directions and let your imagination do the rest. Here are five scene-enhancing tips:

#### SCENE-SETTING TIP #1

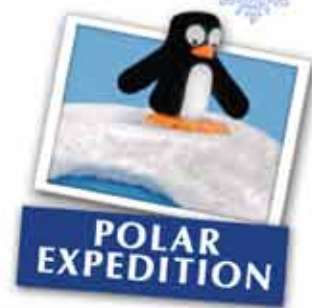
Do you have a large cardboard box nearby? Turn the box on its side, cut a hole in it, and you've got an instant igloo! For extra effect, cover it with white sheets to create a layer of "icy snow."

#### SCENE-SETTING TIP #2

Take two toilet paper rolls and glue them together to create a pair of binoculars, which can be used for spotting polar bears or anything else you and the young ones can imagine.

#### SCENE-SETTING TIP #3

Play an Arctic or nature-themed DVD on your TV in the background (DisneyNature's "Earth" would be perfect). Make sure to keep the volume low so that you and your little explorers can hear one another as you cross the frozen tundra.



#### SCENE-SETTING TIP #4

Gather pillows from your sofa and position them to create a “dogsled.” Make sure the “dogsled” is big enough to accommodate all the members of your expeditionary team. You can’t go on an expedition without supplies. So, grab a backpack and fill it with all the items you’ll need for your journey. These can include canned food items, a radio, walkie-talkies (real or toy versions), hats, and even gloves.

#### SCENE-SETTING TIP #5

Grab your camera and keep it close so you can capture every moment!

### TIME TO CREATE YOUR PENGUIN ADVENTURE!

Now that you’ve set the scene for and printed the crafts and recipes, it’s time to begin. For this adventure, your family will be Arctic explorers crossing the tundra in search of the elusive Perky Penguin. One lucky member of your family will pretend to be the Perky Penguin, while the others will be the expeditionary team sent out to observe and record its behavior.

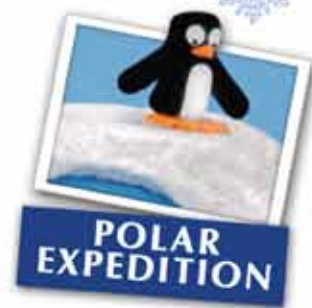
Below is our guide for creating the experience. You can follow our instructions, or you can choose the elements that are most interesting to you and your family. You don’t have to follow the tool kit step-by-step. Use it as a springboard for creating your own wonderful time together. So remember, let your imaginations be the guide!

#### STEP #1

**Create your own “Pipe Cleaner Penguins.”** Follow the directions in the subsequent pages and have everyone in your family create “Pipe Cleaner Penguins.” It’s easy and a lot of fun. When you’re done, position them around them room and pretend they’re a flock of penguins returning after a winter spent down south.

#### STEP# 2

**Bake “Penguin Cupcakes.”** Exploring the Arctic is hard work and your little explorers will be hungry after their expedition. Whisk everyone into the kitchen and have them assist in the preparation of our delicious “Penguin Cupcakes.”



#### STEP #3

**Build your igloo.** Grab a cardboard box out of the closet, basement, or garage and bring it into the living room. It doesn't have to be a giant box. It just has to be big enough for the little ones to climb in and out of. Cut a "door" into the side, and cover it with an icy sheet of snow.

#### STEP #4

**Create your "Perky Penguin" costume.** On page 7 of this tool kit, you'll find instruction for creating a penguin costume using clothes and items you have around the house. Before you start creating the costume, decide which lucky member of the family gets to play this part!

#### STEP #5

**Grab that camera.** This will be a great experience, and you'll want to make sure you to take as many photos as possible to record your incredible time together.

#### STEP #6

**Start your adventure!** While the person playing the Giant Perky Penguin goes off to hide, the members of the expeditionary team hop into the sled to begin the journey. Use your toilet-roll binoculars to be on the lookout for returning penguin "flocks" on the "hills above" (i.e. the Pipe Cleaner Penguins positioned around the room).

#### STEP #7

**Stop to explore an igloo.** Along the way, you'll come upon what appears to be an "abandoned igloo." Have one member of your team climb out of the sled to see what's inside. Maybe there are extra food rations inside? Maybe there's a map to Perky Penguin Valley? The choice is yours. Let your imagination run wild.

#### STEP #8

**Observe local wildlife.** Use your binoculars to spot polar bears, moose, reindeer, and other Arctic animals on "the plain across the river" (i.e. the video playing on TV).



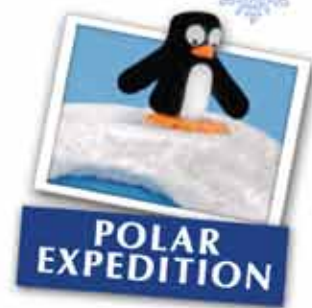
#### STEP #9

**Photograph the elusive Perky Penguin!** After a long journey, you've finally found the elusive Perky Penguin. Have your team silently observe its odd behavior. Why is it trying to open a can of tuna instead of trolling the nearby waters for fresh fish? Why is it wearing a bow tie?! Photograph the penguin's fascinating behavior for everyone "back home" to see!

#### STEP #10

**End the adventure with a snack.** Crossing thousands of miles of polar tundra can really get the stomach rumbling. Now that your journey is over, end the experience by enjoying your "Penguin Cupcakes" with a glass of milk. Be sure to save a cupcake or two for the Perky Penguin. Believe it or not -- the Perky Penguin loves desserts!

These are some suggestions to get you and your family started on your polar-themed adventure. Pick and choose which of these steps appeals to you and your family -- then let your imagination take over!







## PENGUIN CUPCAKES

*Looking for the perfect snow day treat? Suit up and make the penguin cupcake.*



TOTAL TIME NEEDED: 1-2 HOURS

### INGREDIENTS

- Vanilla cupcakes
- Vanilla frosting
- Chocolate cookies (we used Keebler Fudge Shoppe Grasshopper Fudge Mint Cookies -- 3 halves per penguin for body and head)
- Dried apricots (cut into triangles for the beak and feet)
- Brown M&M's Minis (eyes)



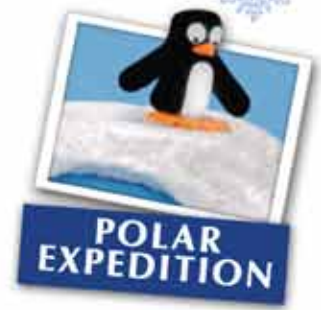
### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Have your child help make a batch of vanilla cupcakes with vanilla frosting. (Use your favorite recipe or 1 box of cake mix, which will make 24 cupcakes.)
2. Buy or make 2 to 3 cups of frosting (save some for decorating glue).
3. Decorate as shown, cutting the cookies in half with a knife (a parent's job) and using extra frosting to attach the apricot beak and the M&M's eyes.



## PIPE CLEANER PENGUINS

Create your own march of the penguins by crafting a group of these adorable cold-climate creatures. You can make adults with the directions below or cut the pipe cleaners in half to make baby birds.



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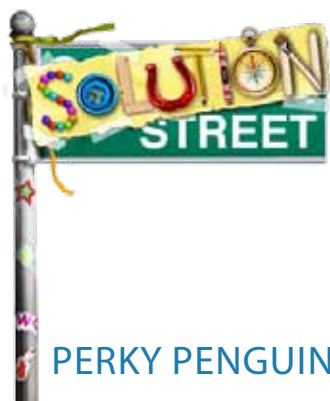
### MATERIALS

- 1 (12-inch) black pipe cleaner
- 1 (2 1/2-inch) white pipe cleaner
- 2 (4-inch) black pipe cleaners
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Orange craft foam
- Craft glue
- Googly eyes.



### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Make a body by coiling a 12-inch black pipe cleaner around a pencil. Hook a 2 1/2-inch piece of white pipe cleaner between the top third and fourth coils and around the bottom coil.
2. For each wing, fold a 4-inch piece of black pipe cleaner in half and bend the ends. Attach it by tucking the bent ends between the top third and fourth coils.
3. Cut a beak and feet from orange craft foam. Stick the beak between the coils and secure it with a dot of craft glue. Then glue on the feet and a pair of googly eyes.



## PERKY PENGUIN

### MATERIALS

- White craft foam (one 12- by 18-inch sheet)
- Duct tape
- Hook-on bow tie with adjustable band (we found ours at a costume shop)
- Yellow craft foam (one 9- by 12-inch sheet)
- Double-sided foam mounting tape
- Black hooded sweatshirt
- Black sweatpants



### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut 2 wings and a belly from craft foam. You can download these templates <[http://familyfun.go.com/assets/cms/pdf/printables/0806\\_perkypenguin.pdf](http://familyfun.go.com/assets/cms/pdf/printables/0806_perkypenguin.pdf)> for all the penguin pieces. Cut a triangle from the top of each wing, then tape it closed with the duct tape; this creates a shape that hugs the shoulder.
2. Cut slits and thread the bow tie through them.
3. Cut out the beak, 2 feet, and 4 circles for the eyes from craft foam. Fold the beak in half lengthwise, then use double-sided foam tape inside the point to secure the fold.
4. Tape the small circles onto the big ones.
5. Attach the beak and eyes to the sweatshirt hood and the feet to your child's shoes with double-sided foam tape. Secure the bow tie around your child's neck and adjust it to fit.