

Christmas colouring sheets

Activity ideas for a colourful Christmas



These four festive colouring sheets are a fun activity for young people of all ages – and grown-ups too!

Colouring is a calming, relaxing activity that can promote mindfulness and ease anxiety. The sheets are perfect for colouring in, but can also be used as prompts for other activities – such as numeracy, literacy or art and design tasks with a Christmas twist. See below for suggested activity prompts for each sheet.

Christmas wreath

Numeracy

- Count the number of holly leaves
- Count the number of baubles
- Measure the diameter of each bauble and calculate the circumference
- Measure your front door at home and calculate the ideal height for hanging your wreath

Literacy

- Write an acrostic poem for wreath, taking inspiration from the objects in the wreath
- Imagine that the wreath was hung on your front door over the Christmas holiday. Write a short story from the point of view of the gingerbread man about what he might see and experience
- Find out about the tradition of hanging wreaths on doors and where this tradition comes from

Art and design

- Design your own baubles in the empty circles – you could use collage, drawings or any medium of your choice
- Print or stick the wreath onto card and cut it out, then attach a piece of string to hang it on a door
- Take photographs at different stages of colouring in the wreath and use them to make a stop-motion animation
- Use your wreath as inspiration to make a handmade wreath out of cuttings from the garden or a local park. Create a circle out of wire and attach twigs, dried plants, leaves, pine cones and cinnamon



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Patchwork quilt

Numeracy

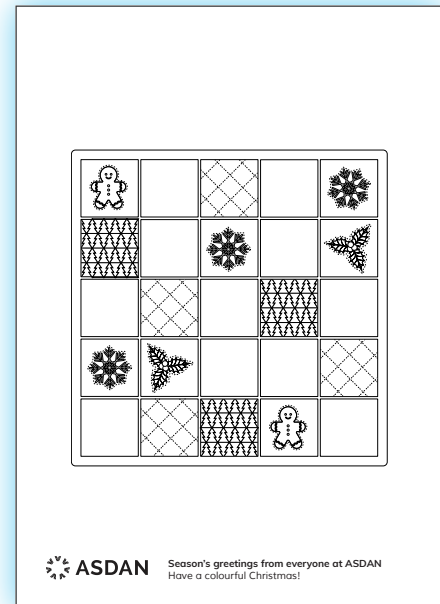
- Count the number of squares in the quilt
- If each square on the quilt measures 10x10 cm, estimate the size and surface area of the full quilt
- If each square on the quilt measures 10x10 cm, calculate the perimeter of each square and estimate the perimeter of the full quilt

Literacy

- Write an acrostic poem for patchwork, taking inspiration from the idea of a cosy Christmas at home
- Patchwork quilts are often made of fabrics that hold special memories, like old clothes or meaningful patterns. Think about your memories of 2020 and describe what kinds of fabric you would include in a keepsake quilt for this year and why
- List some of the visual symbols used in Christmassy fabrics, like holly leaves and gingerbread men. Find out about why these images are associated with Christmas and where these traditions come from

Art and design

- Design your own Christmas fabric patterns in the blank squares
- Make your own mini patchwork quilt using squares of scrap fabrics – you could turn this into a placemat or cushion cover



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Christmas stockings

Numeracy

- Count the holly leaves in the garland
- Count the berries in the garland
- Count the stitches on each stocking and find the total – remember there will be stitches on both sides!
- If each stocking measures 40cm from top to heel, estimate the surface area of each stocking



Literacy

- Write an acrostic poem for stocking, taking inspiration from the things you are grateful for at Christmas that are not presents (eg family, friends, traditions)
- Imagine that the stockings are a timeline from 1980 through to 2020. Find out about some of the most popular toys from each decade and write a poem about the presents that you would find in each stocking over the years
- Imagine that the stockings belong to five people that you admire. Describe the presents that you would give to them and why

Art and design

- Design your own stockings for your friends and family, including their names or initials – you could use collage, drawings or any medium of your choice
- Print or stick the stockings onto card and cut them out, then attach a piece of string to make your own garland
- Use the stocking outline as a template to make Christmas tree decorations out of paper, card, fabric or other materials

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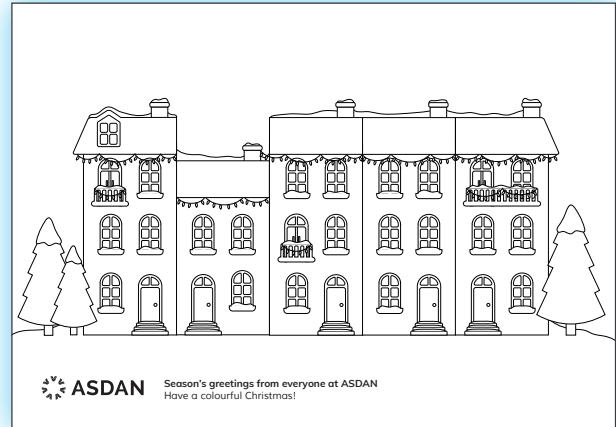
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Festive street scene

Numeracy

- Count the window panes on each house and find the total
- Count the fairy lights on each house and find the total
- If a door is 2m high, estimate the height of each house
- If a door is 2m high, estimate the height of each Christmas tree
- If each house on the street turns their fairy lights on for six hours a day from the 1st of December to the 1st of January, work out how many hours the lights will be on for the duration of the festive period



Literacy

- Write a poem about how your house or neighbourhood transforms over the festive period
- Imagine who might live in these houses. Write a short story about what happens on this street on Christmas Eve
- It was more common 50 years ago to have snow on Christmas in the UK. Interview a member of your family and ask about their experiences of a white Christmas

Art and design

- Draw in a snowy sky as a background for the street
- Decorate your own house or create a window display out of paper snowflakes, popcorn tinsel or other homemade decorations. If you're stuck for ideas you can find lots of resources online, like video tutorials and step-by-step instructions
- Design and make a Christmas card to post to a neighbour, friend or family member who lives on your street