# *A Christmas Carol-* Snowflakes

## Pre-Show Activity, All Grades

### **Objectives**

* *Students will create traditional Victorian-style paper snowflakes and holly decorations.*
* *Students will develop fine motor skills through cutting and assembling craft materials.*
* *Students will explore historical holiday decoration practices through hands-on creativity.*

### **Materials Needed**

* White paper
* Green construction paper
* Red pom-poms, stickers, or red paper circles
* Scissors
* Glue
* String or yarn (optional)
* How-to videos (optional)

### **Introduction**

* Explain that Victorian homes often featured handmade paper decorations during the holiday season.
* Introduce the craft steps for making paper snowflakes and holly decorations as a way to connect with Victorian traditions.

### **Make Snowflakes**

* Take a square piece of white paper.
* Fold it in half diagonally to form a triangle.
* Fold the triangle in half again.
* Cut small shapes (triangles, squares, circles) along the edges of the folded paper.
* Carefully unfold your paper to reveal a snowflake!

### **Make Holly Leaves and Berries**

* + Draw simple holly leaf shapes on green construction paper (pointy ovals or teardrops).
  + Cut out the leaves carefully with scissors.
  + Use red pom-poms, stickers, or cut small red circles from paper.
  + Glue 2 or 3 berries onto each holly leaf.

### **Assemble and Reflect**

* Option 1: Glue snowflakes and holly leaves onto a large piece of paper to make a holiday picture.
* Option 2: Attach snowflakes and holly leaves to string or yarn to create a festive garland
* Discuss how handmade decorations were important in Victorian times for holiday celebrations.
* Encourage students to share their creations and talk about how making decorations can bring people together.

**Video Resources**

If you would like to follow along with a how-to video guide for your snowflakes, here are a few options:

[Video 1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lT2oeNkTOAk) - large 3D snowflakes

[Video 2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vEO3HKbMbjQ) - easy snowflakes (great for elementary!)

[Video 3](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXiKhG2BPiM) - regular size snowflakes (slightly more advanced)