

# 17 FUN

**GAMES/ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & DOGS**

# TO TRY THIS WINTER



## SNOW BOWLING ALLEY

- What you need: A soft foam ball  
Set it up: Roll 6–10 snow “pins” and line them up like a tiny winter bowling alley.  
How to play: Take turns rolling the ball and seeing who can get the most strikes.  
Why it’s awesome: Big fun, small footsteps, and it spreads action around the yard.

## PAINT-THE-SNOW ART WALK

- What you need: Spray bottles + water + a few drops of food coloring  
Set it up: Fill bottles with your winter rainbow.  
How to play: Kids wander the yard painting masterpieces on fresh snow.  
Why it’s awesome: Zero digging — just magical color on top of soft snow.

## SNOW SCAVENGER LOOP

- What you need: Bright toys, cups, or targets  
Set it up: Place items on top of the snow and mark a simple loop path.  
How to play: Kids follow the loop to find winter treasures.  
Why it’s awesome: No zig-zag trampling — kids follow the loop and stay moving.

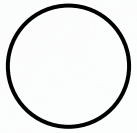
## SNOW BRICK BUILDERS

- What you need: Loaf pans, bins, or sand molds  
Set it up: Pack snow into molds to create bricks.  
How to play: Build a mini wall, maze, or fort — the snowy version of Legos.  
Why it’s awesome: Everything is built on the snow, not into it.



# WINTER FUN CONTINUED

## SNOW RING TOSS



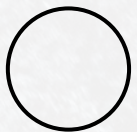
What you need: A stick + soft rings

Set it up: Push the stick into the snow.

How to play: Toss rings and cheer for the closest throw.

Why it's awesome: Almost no movement — just simple, silly fun.

## JUMBO SNOW TIC-TAC-TOE



What you need: Beanbags, pinecones, or sticks

Set it up: Stomp out a big 9-square grid in fresh snow.

How to play: Toss markers into squares to claim them.

Why it's awesome: Move the grid each round = no worn-out patch.

## PENGUIN WADDLE RELAY



What you need: A soft ball

Set it up: Mark a starting line and a finish line.

How to play: Kids waddle like penguins with the ball between their knees.

Why it's awesome: Tons of giggles + quick races = low lawn impact.

## GLOW-STICK NIGHT HIKE



What you need: Glow sticks

Set it up: Hang glow sticks along a shoveled looped path.

How to play: Bundle up and enjoy a magical nighttime walk.

Why it's awesome: Zero lawn stepping — just glowing adventure.

## SNOW TARGET TOSS



What you need: Food-color spray + fluffy snowballs

Set it up: Spray colored rings onto the snow as targets.

How to play: Toss only soft snowballs into the rings.

Why it's awesome: Stationary game = very gentle on your snow cover.



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## SNOW CHEF STATION

- What you need: Tray + pinecones + sticks + winter “ingredients”  
Set it up: Create a little outdoor kitchen zone.  
How to play: Kids invent snowy “recipes” — soups, salads, desserts.  
Why it’s awesome: Stationary imaginative play = super lawn friendly.

## SNOW LANTERN LUMINARIAS

- What you need: Snowballs + LED tea lights  
Set it up: Build a mini snowball tower with space for a light.  
How to play: Pop in the LED and enjoy the winter glow.  
Why it’s awesome: Pretty decor without the foot traffic.

## FOOTPRINT DETECTIVE

- What you need: Just fresh snow  
Set it up: Stroll along a sidewalk or shoveled path.  
How to play: Spot animal tracks and guess the creature.  
Why it’s awesome: A nature activity that doesn’t touch the lawn at all.

## SNOW ANGEL GALLERY

- What you need: Soft, untouched snow  
Set it up: Pick a single clean patch.  
How to play: Step in, make your angel, step out on your own footprints.  
Why it’s awesome: Zero wandering, zero turf stress.

## HOT-COCOA DASH

- What you need: Cocoa + cups + a clear walkway  
Set it up: Set up a cocoa station outside.  
How to play: Run a relay using ONLY the shoveled path.  
Why it’s awesome: Pure fun without stepping on the grass.



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## SNOW-MEASURING CREW

- What you need: Ruler + notebook
- Set it up: Choose a designated snow-check spot.
- How to play: Kids measure snow depth and temperature, then report back.
- Why it's awesome: Quick, in-and-out "science job" with barely any steps.

## PAW-PRINT PARKOUR (DOG ZOOMIE LANE)

- What you need: Pavers, mulch, or a shoveled lane
- Set it up: Build a dog-friendly racetrack and toy zone.
- How to play: Toss toys only in that lane to keep zoomies contained.
- Why it's awesome: Saves your lawn from chaotic dog sprints.

## SNIFFARI SCATTER

- What you need: A handful of kibble
- Set it up: Sprinkle kibble in one patch of snow.
- How to play: Let your dog "hunt" for treats.
- Why it's awesome: Move the sniff spot each time to gently spread wear.

### Pro Tips for Every Game:



- Rotate play areas so one patch doesn't get over-compacted.
- Avoid salted driveway/sidewalk edges.
- If you can see the grass (bare or frosty), skip stepping on it.

