

TINY BITS (BETTER INFORMED TOGETHER) FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

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Holiday Activities for Babies and Toddlers

This is a festive season that should include everyone – even little babies! However, most holiday crafts and activities seem to be directed at older children who can handle glue and scissors, which means our little family members are left out. There are still ways for little ones to enjoy themselves this festive season – with some fun holiday and winter activities for babies and toddlers!

A definition of a successful and easy activity for littles ones is one which:

- Has minimal prep – about 5 minutes max to set-up.
- Does not need fancy or expensive supplies.
- Keeps toddler/preschooler busy for 15 – 30 minutes, with or without your help.
- Can be easily adapted to children of different ages (age 2 or 3 and even 4) so it is not too difficult.
- Has minimal clean-up.

Use contact paper, paper plates, egg cartons, crayons, masking tape, and Play Dough to create fun activities for toddlers. Hand them a bunch of bows and let them enjoy creating their own versions of Christmas trees, colorful ornaments, a snowman, and wreaths. Some suggestions include:

- ✚ Paper Plate Christmas Tree
- ✚ Popsicle Stick Snowflake Ornaments
- ✚ Tissue Paper Christmas Ornament
- ✚ Paper Plate Christmas Wreath
- ✚ Christmas Bow Sticky Wall
- ✚ Play Dough Gingerbread (smells good!)
- ✚ Play Doh Christmas Tree
- ✚ Fingerprint Christmas Tree Cards
- ✚ Paper Candy Canes
- ✚ Sock Snowman with a colorful hat and scarf, eyes and nose

Excerpts: [43 easy-peasy Christmas activities for toddlers & preschoolers \(busybloomingjoy.com\)](https://busybloomingjoy.com/43-easy-peasy-christmas-activities-for-toddlers-preschoolers/)
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