



Objective: Provide residents with an engaging and creative activity to make their own personalized snow globes, fostering a sense of accomplishment and winter-themed artistic expression.

Duration: Approximately 60-90 minutes

Materials:

1. Clear glass or plastic globes with a sealable base
2. Distilled water
3. Glycerin (available at craft stores)
4. Fine glitter or fake snow
5. Winter-themed figurines (miniature trees, snowmen, animals, ensure they are age appropriate, etc.)
6. Craft glue or epoxy
7. Small funnels
8. Adhesive waterproof sealant (optional)
9. Craft tables with coverings for easy cleanup

Preparation:

1. Set up individual crafting stations at the table with all necessary materials.
2. Arrange a variety of winter-themed figurines and decorations for residents to choose from.
3. Create an example in advance for residents to see as an example.

Program Steps:

1. Introduction (10 mins):
 - o Welcome residents and introduce the Winter Snow Globe Craft Group
 - o Briefly explain the steps and materials involved.
2. Selection of Figurines (15 mins):
 - o Allow residents to explore and choose winter-themed figurines for their snow globes.
 - o Assist residents in selecting appropriate sizes based on the globe's dimensions.
3. Assembling Figurines (20 mins):
 - o Provide craft glue or epoxy for residents to attach their chosen figurines to the inside of the globe's base.
 - o Allow time for the adhesive to dry thoroughly.
4. Discuss While Waiting (5 mins):
 - o While waiting for adhesive to dry, have a discussion and reminisce about the winter months:
 - "As you're creating your snow globe, does it remind you of any special winter memories or traditions from your past?"
 - "What made you choose the figurines you're adding to your snow globe? Do they hold a particular significance to you?"
 - "If you could transport yourself to any winter wonderland represented in your snow globe, where would it be and why?"
 - "What inspired your creative choices in designing your snow globe? Is there a story behind your design?"
 - "How does the process of making a snow globe make you feel? Does it bring a sense of calmness or nostalgia?"
 - "If your snow globe could tell a story, what would it be about? Create a little narrative for the scene inside."
 - "Are there any winter traditions or activities that you used to enjoy or still enjoy today? Share some of your favorites."
 - "What do you enjoy most about crafting together? Does it bring back memories of other times you've created art?"
 - "The glitter or snowfall in your snow globe has a mesmerizing effect. Does it remind you of watching snowfall outside?"
 - "How would you describe the personality or mood of your snow globe? Does it reflect your own personality in some way?"
5. Adding Glitter or Fake Snow (10 mins):
 - o Use small funnels to add a pinch of glitter or fake snow to each globe.
 - o Residents can customize the amount based on their preference for a snowy effect.
6. Filling with Distilled Water and Glycerin (15 mins):
 - o Use a small funnel to fill the globe with distilled water, leaving some space at the top.
 - o Add a few drops of glycerin to the water to slow down the snowfall and enhance the swirling effect.
7. Sealing the Globe (10 mins):
 - o Ensure the figurines are secure, and the glue has dried completely.
 - o Seal the globe tightly to prevent leakage. If needed, use adhesive waterproof sealant around the base.
8. Final Touches and Personalization (10 mins):
 - o Wipe any excess water or glue from the outside of the globe.
 - o Encourage residents to personalize their snow globes further with labels or additional decorations.
9. Display and Celebration (10 mins):
 - o Allow residents to proudly display their finished snow globes.
 - o Celebrate the creativity and individuality of each resident's creation.