



# Holiday Sensory Bin Activity

## How do children engage in sensory play with the Holiday Sensory Bin?

Children will love playing with the various materials included in the bin. They can explore their sense of touch by feeling the texture of the snow and pine branches, and they can shake the jingle bells in the bin for an auditory element. Adding a few drops of peppermint oil gives children an added opportunity to explore their sense of smell.

### Required Materials:

- Activity Bin (Item #40773) or Sand and Water Table
- Super Snow Classroom Kit (Item #86035)
- Shapes and Colors Discovery Set (Item #86391)
- Pine Branches
- Jingle Bells
- Peppermint Essential Oil
- Magnetic Wands (Item #91186)

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### 1. Start with Snow

Make a large batch of fake snow with the Super Snow Classroom Kit or your own materials. Add the snow to the activity bin.

### 2. Add Additional Materials

Add jingle bells, pine branches, and other materials for children to explore in the bin. We also included some red squares from the Shapes and Colors Discovery Set in our sensory bin.

### 3. Add Peppermint Oil

Once you have all of your materials in the bin, put a few drops of peppermint essential oil in the mixture to make it smell like peppermints for a fun sensory treat.

### 4. Explore!

Encourage children to put their hands in the fake snow, shake the jingle bells, feel the texture of the pine branches, and more. Ask them what they smell, feel, and see in the sensory bin. Try giving children magnetic wands to move over the sensory bin. The magnets will collect all of the jingle bells out of the bin, adding another exciting element to the activity.

Introduce the Holiday Sensory Bin in your classroom during the holiday season to provide children with an engaging activity that helps get them excited for the holidays and gives them wonderful opportunities for sensory play.

