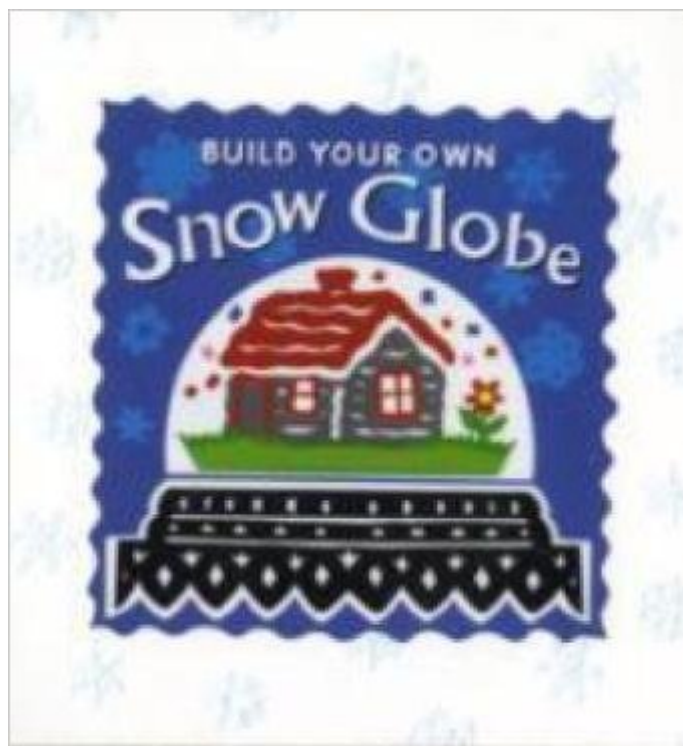


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Build Your Own Snow Globe (Mega Mini Kits)



Synopsis

Here's a charmingly kitschy kit for the creative minded. A real snow globe is packaged with "snow" crystals, 4 interchangeable pieces (snowman, leaf, flower, and beach ball) to represent different seasons, and a 32-page guide that explains why snow globes have become such hot collectibles, and how to customize this one.

Book Information

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Grade Level: Preschool and up

Customer Reviews

This kit comes in a fancy package with a fancy booklet, but the globe itself is very cheaply-made and leaks! Don't buy it -- it is a waste of money! Waste your money on a real snow globe instead.

Like most of the Running Press mini kits, this comes with an informative booklet and a few supplies. The kit has a plastic globe, a packet of glitter, and four plastic and rather cheap-looking inserts to use as "backgrounds." (Mine were a teddy bear, a house, an ugly flower, and a snowman with a big glob of black paint across his face.) You're supposed to swap the backgrounds out without opening up the globe. You do have to buy the oil required for the globe yourself, of course, and they recommend specific types of oil in the instructions. I followed the instructions to a T, filling it with just the right amount of oil and adding just a little bit of glitter as suggested. The glitter clumped up

immediately. And as soon as I turned the globe upside down, the oil started seeping out from between the globe cover and the plastic bottom. It was screwed on just fine. It made a huge mess with glitter sticking everywhere and I just threw the whole thing out. I gave this two stars because I did like the booklet about snowglobe history and collecting - but by all means, don't spend your money just to get a little booklet! Make your own snowglobe at home with your own materials; it's cheaper and probably won't leak everywhere.

I bought this Build Your Own Snow Globe kit for our 8 year old son, thinking it would be fun for us to do a small project together. Upon opening the box, we found four "scenes" on four pieces of cheap plastic: a flower, teddy bear, House & grass, and a snowman; none of them were very attractive. Only the snowman piece fitted on the bottom platform snugly but the rest of them all wobbled when shaken. The opening/lid on the base plate was a round piece; you turn to loosen it up from the base. There's a thin elastic ring over the lid (supposed to keep the water/oil from leaking inside out). The piece of elastic was very thin and it didn't fit the round lid tightly. When I saw the materials I decided our little project ended there. Didn't want any leaking oil or water in my kitchen plus a disappointed kid. I gave this two stars because the kit did come with a fancy little booklet with short history and stories about how and why people collected snow globes. We read the booklet and I thought that part was cute. The rest of the kit was just garbage. If you want to make a snow globe with your kids as a fun project, I would recommend a quick search on the Internet or Youtube; there are demonstrations on how to make your own snow globe easily, using very common items found in your kitchen and bathroom. That's exactly what we are going to do. As for the Build Your Own Snow Globe kit, it can sit in the closet and wait for the next garage sale to find itself a good home.

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