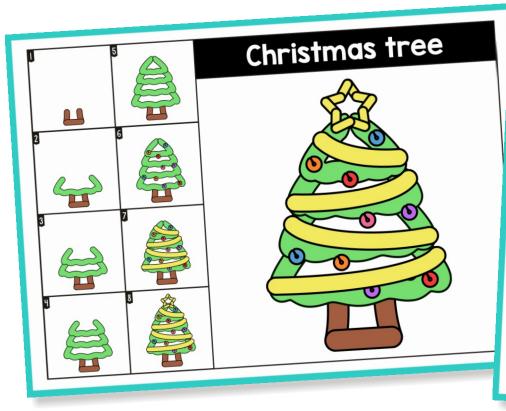
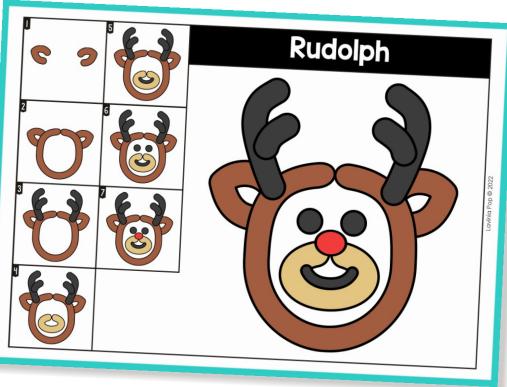
# Christmas Play Dough Mats





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## Introduction

Bring holiday cheer to learning with these 31 **Christmas themed Play Dough Mats!** Designed for creativity, fine motor development, and festive fun, each mat includes step-by-step instructions for building holiday-inspired images using play dough. Whether used in classrooms, homeschool, or holiday centers, this resource offers engaging, hands-on activities that children will love.

#### What's Included:

- 31 play dough mats featuring a variety of Christmas-themed images.
- Two versions:
  - Full-color instructions with a colored main picture.
  - Full-color instructions with a black-and-white main picture (perfect for coloring activities).

#### How to Use:

- **Preparation:** Print and laminate the mats for durability.
- Materials needed: Provide play dough, floam, or similar dough-like material.
- **Activity:** Children follow step-by-step instructions, rolling and shaping dough to build images such as Christmas trees, candy canes, and gingerbread men.

#### **Educational Benefits:**

- Fine motor development: Strengthens hand muscles and improves precision.
- **Sequencing skills:** Reinforces the ability to follow step-by-step directions.
- Creative expression: Encourages imaginative play through festive designs.
- Sensory engagement: Ideal for sensory learners with tactile play.

### Additional Ways to Use This Resource:

- 1. **Sequencing practice:** Cut out the instruction section on the left side of the page. Have children sequence the images to reinforce order and logic skills.
- 2. **Matching challenge:** Cut the mats into two sections—one with the instructions and the other with the main picture. Provide only the first instruction image and ask children to match it to the correct main picture.
- 3. **Coloring activity:** Use the black-and-white version for children to color their creations after completing the play dough activity.
- 4. **Independent or group play:** Turn it into a collaborative task where children take turns adding pieces to a larger design.
- 5. **Storytelling activity:** Encourage children to create holiday-themed stories based on their completed designs to boost language and storytelling skills.

These versatile mats are perfect for enhancing fine motor skills, sequencing, and creative thinking while adding holiday magic to your lessons.

Happy Teaching & Merry Creating!:)

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