



**Elements:** Shape & Value (shading)

**Principles:** Emphasis

**Materials:**

- 9" x 9" gray construction paper
- 9" x 12" white construction paper
- Small amounts of colored paper (brown, orange, scarf colors)
- Blue peeled crayons for shading
- Crayons (including white)
- Scissors
- Glue sticks

**Instructions:**

1. Read *Snowmen at Night* by Caralyn Buehner, or a snow story of your choice.
2. Tell the students that they will be making snowman art by cutting out three circles: small – medium - large. **Display the sample art** and show students that they will be shading the edge of the circles using a blue peeled crayon.
3. Show students how to **cut out circles using folded paper for symmetry.**
4. Model how to **use the crayon to add shading.** Pick up the blue peeled crayon with a "Lego hand" (fingers together, thumb opposed) to prepare to gently rub shading on the outside of their circles.
5. **Have students cut their three circles out,** making sure they can see each circle when they're stacked atop one another. Then have them **shade the outsides of their circles.**
6. **Glue** large and medium circles down onto background paper in the center to create **emphasis** on the snowman. He is the focal point of the art.
7. Have students **cut out 2 stick arms and 2 scarf pieces,** then color or shade them as desired.
8. **Glue the arms and scarf, followed by the smallest circle,** which is the head.
9. Use black crayon to **add eyes and smile,** then finish the snowman's face by cutting out a **carrot nose** (shade or color if desired) and gluing it on.
10. **Add snow swirls or flakes** to the background paper.
11. Have students put their name on the back of their art and help clean up paper scraps.

**OPTION:** Create large, medium, and small circle templates, to trace and use for snowman circles.