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Save the Arctic

The unique Arctic is under threat from oil drilling and industrial fishing, and this year the Arctic sea ice melted to a record low. But together we can Save the Arctic. Already over two million people from around the world have joined forces to call on world leaders to protect the Arctic. Every single person who joins the movement is making the call for a global sanctuary stronger.

www.savethearctic.org



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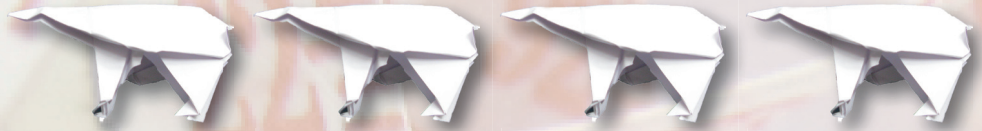
Be a craftivist

We invite you to become a Greenpeace 'craftivist', to use your creativity to spread the word about the Save the Arctic campaign. The Arctic Craft Kit is designed to ignite your imagination and get you creating. You could sell your wares at craft fairs to raise money for the campaign or give them as awareness raising gifts, as well as making crafts to keep.

This small kit offers you a few ideas for Arctic themed craft projects, ranging from the simple to the sublime. Perhaps you'll stencil Arctic letters onto mugs, knit an Arctic owl egg cosy, create stickers and stencils, bake cakes or make snowy sweets. Inside you'll find a selection of Arctic shapes that you can use as you like, plus four how to guides and some useful web-links.

Whatever you decide to do, please share your creations by emailing photos to arcticcrafts.uk@greenpeace.org

Create



- Get hold of some sticker paper or a badge making machine, and use the Arctic animals and shapes on pages 8-13 as templates to create some quirky campaign **stickers** and **badges**.

- Make Arctic themed **badges** or **fridge magnets** by painting old beer bottle caps and

sticking a safety pin or magnet on the back.

- Seek out Arctic themed moulds and make homemade **candles** and **soap**.

- Kids love making **hanging mobiles**. Use wire, thread, card and fabric to make one featuring cut-outs of the

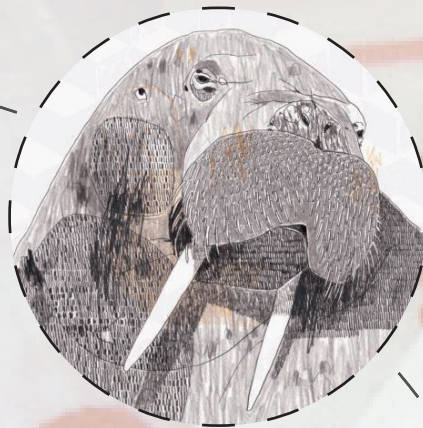
Arctic animals or letters featured on pages 8-13. Or make **origami** Arctic animals.

- There's something distinctly festive about the Arctic, not least because Father Christmas resides at the North Pole for 364 days of the year. Why not make your **Christmas cards** Arctic themed this year? Include www.savethearctic.org and encourage more people to sign-up to the campaign.

- Or how about making your **Christmas tree** an Arctic one, with a cardboard cut out Arctic animal on top?

Coasters

Tiles
Felt
Paint
Card
Craft knife / scissors
Sponge
Glue



- Choose old plain tiles that a cup or mug will sit comfortably on.
- Cut your felt to size and glue it to the underside of the tiles.
- Using the shapes on pages 8-13, come up with a design.
- Trace or print the shapes onto card, then cut out stencils of your design.
- Secure the stencil on the tile, then paint the image on using a sponge.
- Carefully peel away the stencil and leave your design to dry.
- Stack your coasters into a pile and tie with a ribbon to turn them into a gift set.

Find out how to make polar origami at:

<http://pem.org/sites/origami/>



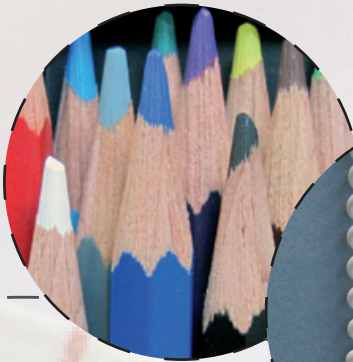
Decorate

- Stencil the Arctic lettering found on pages 8–9 onto a plain white **mug, plate** or **bowl** – you could decorate it with your initials, a ‘Save the Arctic’ message, ‘TEA’ or ‘SOUP’.

- If you’re giving people plants, you could put them in a **terracotta pot** that you’ve decorated with Arctic animals, shapes or lettering.

- If you cycle, skate, snowboard or ski, you could customise your board, bike or skis with Arctic **stickers, transfers** or **stencilling**. Snow sports fit perfectly with the Arctic theme and sporting ‘Save the Arctic’ about your person is a good way to tell people you meet on the slopes about the campaign.

- If you have a blank wall in your work place or outside your home that you can get permission to decorate, why not enlarge the shapes on pages 8–13 using a photocopier and create stencils for **street art style murals**?



Notebook

Plain cover notebook

Card

Craft knife/scissors

Paints, pencils and inks

Glue

Pretty paper

- Using the tools on pages 8–13, create a design for your notebooks.
- You could go for an all-over wallpaper effect or some simple words inked in one corner.
- Use the card and knife to create stencils of your design, or print some shapes onto pretty paper and cut them out with scissors.
- Glue your shapes onto the notebook or use the stencils to mark the design on. Include www.savethearctic.org somewhere on the book.
- Make sets of decorated books and give them as gifts.

Stitch



- If you're a dab hand at sewing, you could embroider an Arctic message or image onto a **cushion cover** or even club together with some fellow stitchers and create a **quilt**.
- **Up-cycling** (transforming something old into something new) is all the rage and a simple way to transform

something is by adding **pockets**. Create a stylish Arctic message on a beautiful scrap of fabric and stitch it onto a plain pair of trousers, shorts, a jacket or skirt.

- Knitters of the world unite! How about knitting a woolly Arctic owl **egg cosy** or a larger one for your tea or coffee pot?

• Arctic colours and images are fitting choices for cold weather gear. You could knit a Save the Arctic **hat and scarf set**, or a pair of winter **socks**.

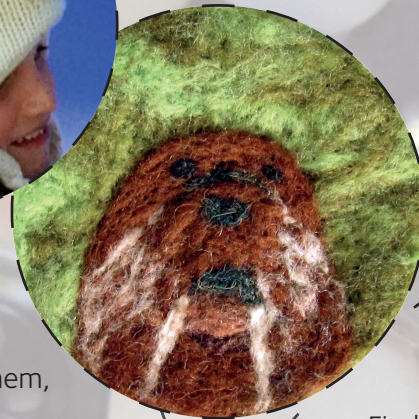
• Less practical but lots of fun, you could make some Arctic animal **finger or sock puppets** using old fabric and buttons.

• If you enjoy working with wool, have a go at **felt**. The Arctic animals make great felt **badges or buttons**.

Bunting

Fabric in Arctic colours – recycle old clothes and sheets
Decorative buttons and other bits
Fabric paint
Length of strong ribbon
Fabric scissors
Needle and thread / fabric glue

- Cut a series of large diamond shapes out of your fabric – make a template out of card to make this quicker and easier.
- Lay the diamonds out in a row and place the ribbon along them, running through the centre of each diamond.
- Fold the diamonds in half so they form triangles, with the ribbon firmly trapped inside, and sew or glue the diamonds shut.
- Leave to dry and then decorate your string of bunting with an Arctic message.



Find an owl egg cosy knitting pattern at:
<http://bit.ly/PUpn4l>

Bake



- Use the shapes on pages 8–13 for **biscuit decoration** ideas. Icing and nuts will transform a plain biscuit into an Arctic animal. Whole almonds make great Arctic owl beaks, while flaked ones can be layered into feathers.

- **Coconut ice** and **peppermint creams** are easy to make and look suitably snowy.

- There are lots of retro snacks with an Arctic edge that could feed an Arctic themed party. Serve up **Baked Alaska** and **Arctic Roll**, with bowls of **whipped cream** and **glacier mints** on the side.

- Sculpt drifts of **meringue** into snowy Arctic landscapes.

- Whip up balls of creamy chocolate ganache, chill in the fridge, then dip in white chocolate or dust with icing sugar to make edible **snow ball truffles**.

Find a recipe at <http://gu.com/p/2ajcj>

Iced cake

*Victoria sponge cake
Chocolate modelling paste
Edible glue and food pen
Buttercream
Sugar paste
Blue food dye and edible gel
Magic sparkles*



- For the walrus, roll 250g of chocolate modelling paste into a cone. Pinch out the thin end to make a tail and bring up the thicker end so it looks like a head. Use a paint brush to make the skin look wrinkled and extra paste to make the face. Use a food pen to add detail.

- Carve and stack the sponge to form an iceberg like shape. Cover the cake with a thin layer of buttercream and refrigerate for about half an hour.

- Roll out the sugar paste and place over the cake. Smooth with the palms of your hands and cut off any excess.
- Add blue food colouring to piping gel and spoon onto a cake board. Sprinkle the iceberg with magic sparkles and stick the walrus on using some edible glue.

- Find our more detailed guide at

www.greenpeace.org.uk/arcticicedcake

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A white narwhal with a long tusk is positioned inside the letter 'A'. To the right, an owl is perched on the letter 'E'.

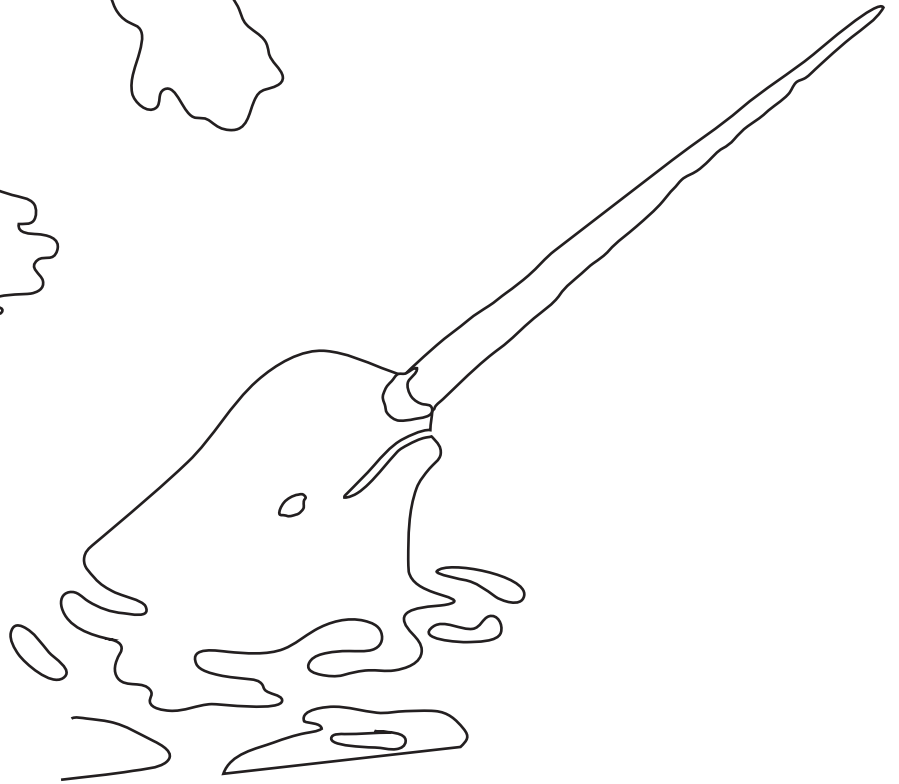
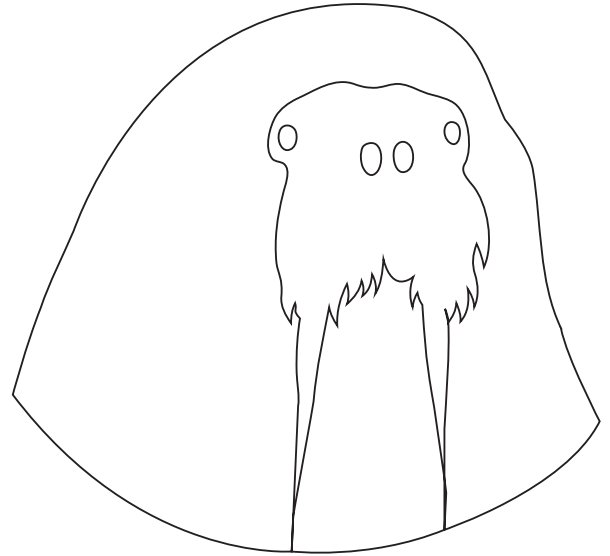
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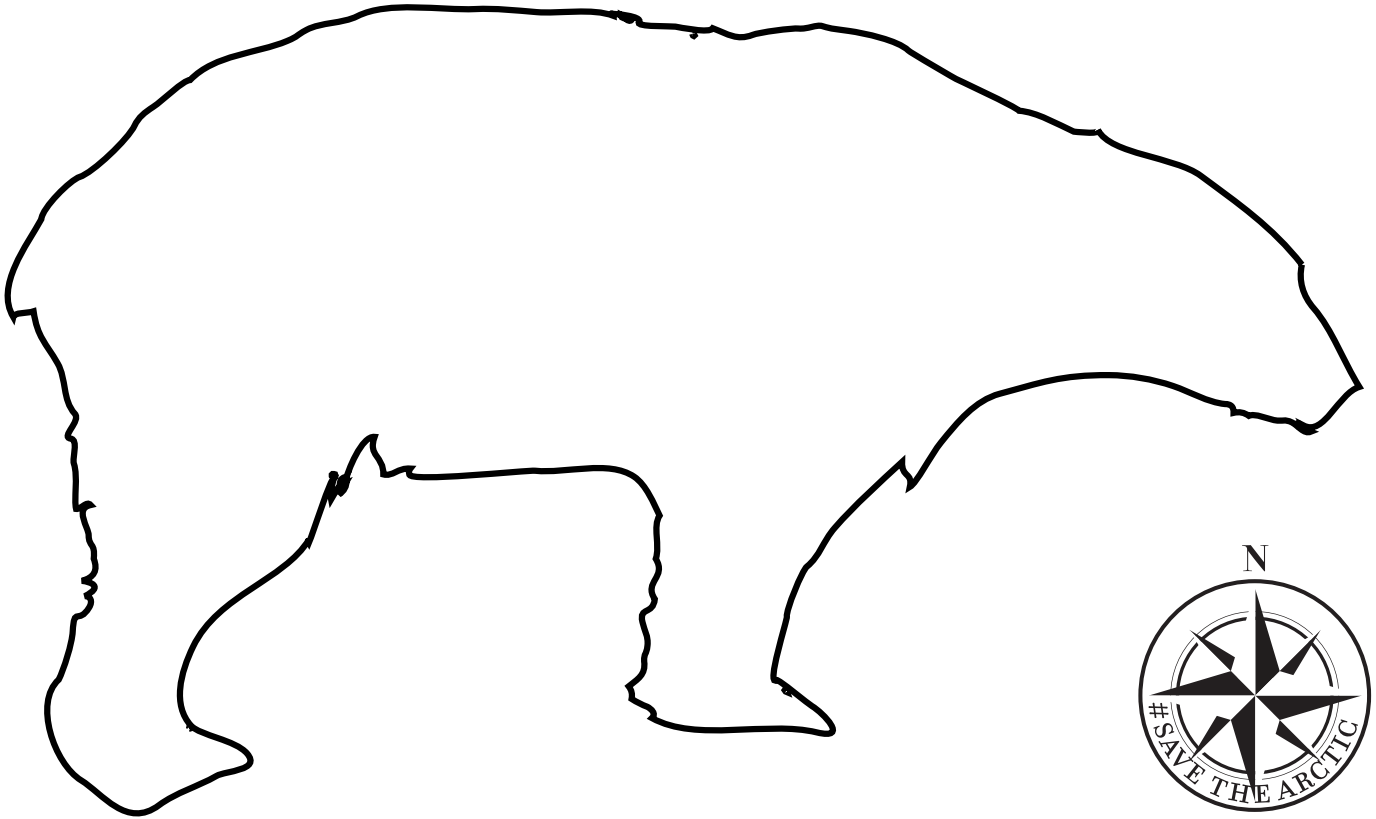
A white arctic fox is positioned inside the letter 'H'.

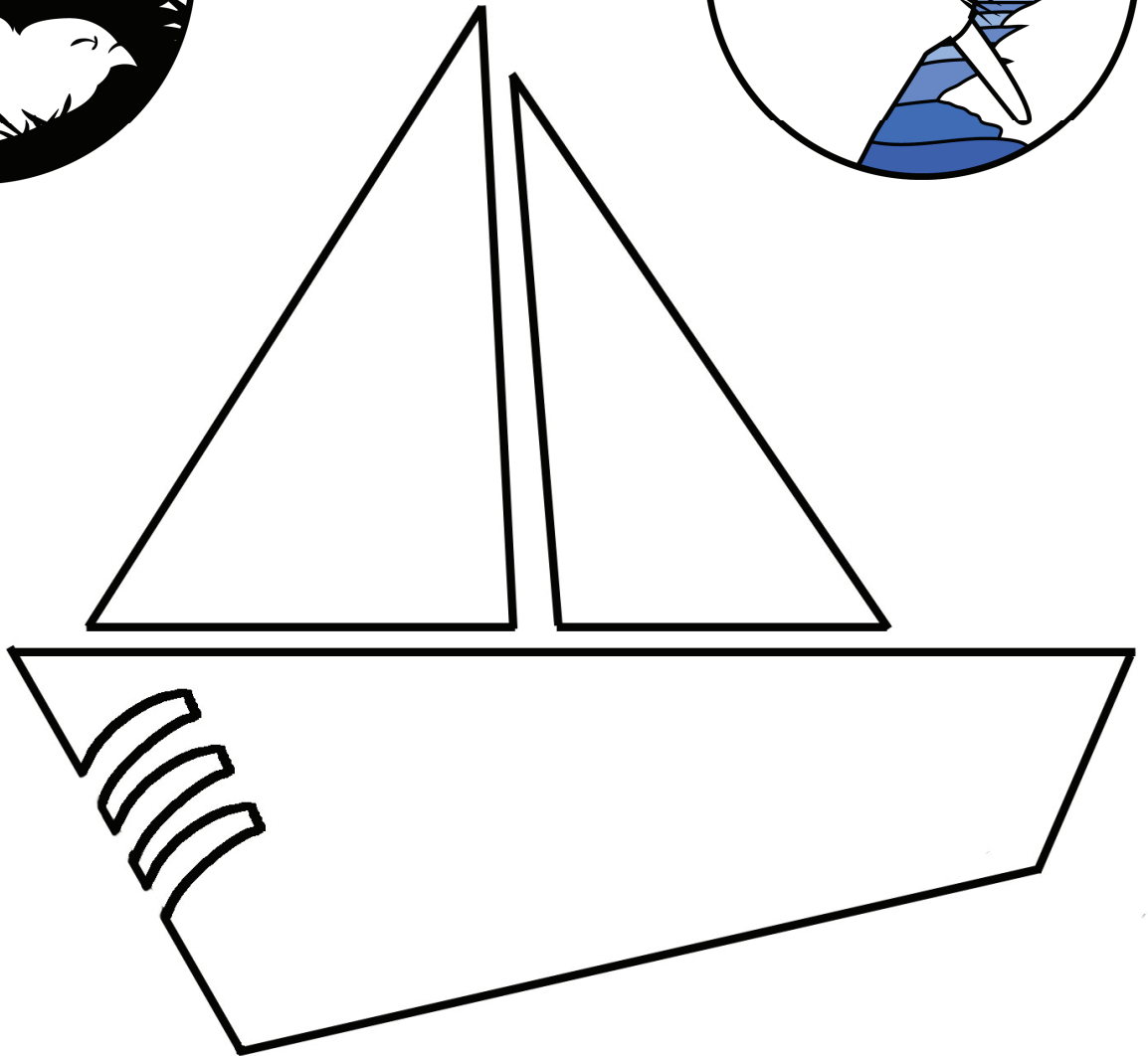
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An oil rig is positioned inside the letter 'A'. A polar bear is positioned inside the letter 'R'. A walrus is positioned inside the letter 'C'.









Resources

Take a look at our Arctic Rising Toolkit for more creative campaign ideas

www.greenpeace.org.uk/arctictoolkit

Want to sell your crafts to raise money for Greenpeace? Download our Fundraising Guide for advice and tips

www.greenpeace.org.uk/fundraising

For more great ideas and downloads, visit

www.greenpeace.org.uk/arcticcrafts

Websites

www.craftivism.com/blog.html

www.sublimestitching.com/pages/tutorials

www.subversivecrossstitch.com

www.extremecraft.com

www.thimble.ca

www.instructables.com

www.folksy.com

www.etsy.com

www.stencilrevolution.com

www.craftivist-collective.com

www.50waystohelp.com

www.stateofcraft.com

Books

Bazaar Bizarre

Greg Der Ananian

AntiCraft

Renee Rigdon & Zabet Stewart

Knitting for Good

Betsey Greer

Design*Sponge at Home

Grace Bonney

Sew, La, Tea, Do

Pip Lincolne

Making Stuff:

An Alternative Craft Book

Ziggy Hanaor & Victoria Woodcock

Design It Yourself Deck

Alissa Faden & Ellen Lupton

Just Sew Stories

Katie Allen



Share

Use your crafted creations to help Save the Arctic. Give your handiwork as gifts that spread the word or think about selling your creations at Christmas craft markets. Organise an Arctic themed craft event where people can find out more about the campaign, sign-up and do some Arctic craft together.

We'd love to celebrate your work – so please share it with us and get the credit you deserve. Upload pictures to **Facebook**, then 'like' our page and send us a message with a link to the picture. Upload pictures to **Pinterest** with "arcticcraft" in the description, then send us a message to let us know. Upload a picture to **Twitter**, using **#arcticcraft**, then follow us **@Greenpeaceuk** so we can thank you. And email pictures to arcticcrafts.uk@greenpeace.org



Organisations

Stitch 'N Bitch

www.stitchnbitch.org

Women's Institute

www.thewi.org.uk

The Crafts Council

www.craftscouncil.org.uk

Craft Action Network

www.craft-action.org.uk



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