

# Literacy This Week



Yukon Literacy Coalition

*We are a society of people dedicated to improving the quality of life of all Yukoners. We do this by building the foundational skills required for lifelong learning; acknowledging that we are all adapting to an everchanging world.*

## Snow Forts

A childhood classic growing up in Canada! We have all enjoyed one that was already built or helped to build one. It really is a simple activity and a great way to spend some time outdoors with friends or family. All it takes is a little creativity and some warm clothes.

A few of the classic layouts consist of:

### The 'Dug Out'



This one normally starts with a pile of already shoveled snow, great

around driveways or walkways for obvious reasons. You start by simply picking a side and removing the snow until you have a deep cave to hang out in.



**The 'Igloo'** This is a good one for a backyard or in a field with lots of snow. Start by rolling small balls in the snow, making them larger and larger. Lay them out in the shape of a circle, with an opening on one side. Once a base circle is complete, you can start layering more balls of snow on top, forming more layers. Once you have a structure, you can pack loose snow into the holes to make it solid.

### The 'Castle'

Similar to the igloo, this one starts by building a foundation. Often people will go one step further and build plywood forms to pack the snow into to create solid packed walls. This is by far the most timely and effortful option out of the bunch, but the results can be amazing.



Now that you have an idea of some of the classics, head out and try them for yourselves.

**Good luck and enjoy!**

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