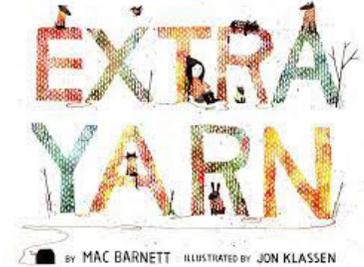


Extra Yarn by Mac Barnett

Book Synopsis: *Extra Yarn* by Mac Barnett is a fun and colorful story about a young girl named Annabelle and her magical box of yarn. Even though an evil archduke tries to steal the box, Annabelle continues to transform her dreary and colorless little town into a bright and happy community with her magical yarn.

A recording of this book is [available here](#).



Connection to Iowa History

The State Historical Museum of Iowa has a large collection of many different objects from Iowa's past. Although the collection does not have a magical box like the story, it does have blankets, banners and clothing created with yarn. The collection also has a large number of spinning wheels, yarn reels and yarn winders which are used to help make yarn as well. To find out more about these objects, check out the museum's [online collection](#).

Goldie's Kids Club Storytime Activity

After reading the story, design and create your own yarn snowflakes to give away as a gift or keep to display this winter.

Instructions ([Video Instructions Available](#))

- 1 Prep.** Gather the needed materials. Begin by laying a piece of wax paper on top of a flat surface like a cutting board or baking sheet.
- 2 Draw.** Using a pencil, draw a few snowflakes shapes onto the wax paper. The snowflakes can be a variety of sizes and different shapes.
- 3 Cut.** Using your snowflake outlines as a template, cut the yarn into smaller pieces to fit the lines of your snowflake. Set aside the cut pieces.
- 4 Squeeze.** After the pieces are cut, squeeze some glue into a small bowl.
- 5 Glue.** Put the cut strings of yarn into the bowl with glue. Move the pieces around to make sure each piece of yarn is completely covered in glue.
- 6 Place.** Pick one piece of yarn at a time out of the bowl and lay it down onto the wax paper using the drawings to match the yarn with each snowflake design. Continue doing this until you have made all the snowflakes.
- 7 Glitter.** This is an optional step. Add glitter when the glue is wet to make the snowflakes sparkle.
- 8 Dry.** Let the snowflakes dry completely for 24 hours.

Materials

- Yarn
- Wax Paper
- Cutting Board or Baking Sheet
- Pencil
- Glue
- Small Bowl
- Scissors
- Optional: Glitter or Tape

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- 9 **Cut and Remove.** Using scissors, carefully cut the dry snowflakes out of the wax paper. Be sure to leave a small border of wax paper surrounding each snowflake for stability. You can also peel the snowflakes off the wax paper as well, but they may not hold their shape as well.
- 10 **Decorate.** If you would like to decorate with the snowflakes, attach string to the back of each snowflake using glue or tape. Once the string is attached, hang it in a window as a winter decoration.
- 11 **Share.** After you complete your snowflake(s), share your work with the State Historical Museum of Iowa. Email a photo of your project to museum.education@iowa.gov. We want to share your masterpiece with others.
- 13 **Questions to Spark Learning**
 - What are some of your favorite wintertime activities? Why?
 - Snowflakes are unique and come in many different shapes and sizes. If you had to select a shape for a snowflake, what would it look like?
 - Do you have anything made out of yarn in your home? If so, what is it? Why do you think it was made from yarn rather than a different material?