

SNOWFLAKE FUN FACTS

One snowflake is made up of about 200 ice crystals.

Snowflakes always have **six sides**.

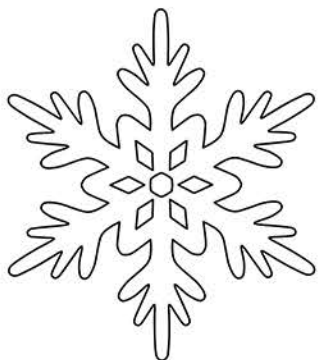
It takes about **one hour** for a snowflake to reach the ground.



Each year, at least **1 septillion snowflakes** fall. That's 1,000,000,000,000,000 (24 zeroes!)

Billions of snowflakes fall in every snowstorm.

The largest snowflake recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records fell at Fort Keogh, Montana. It was **15 inches wide and 8 inches thick!**



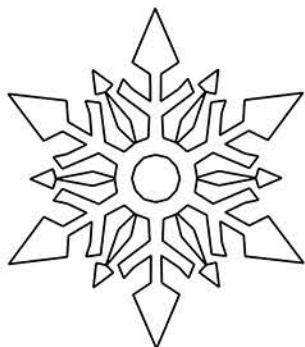
The smallest snowflakes are called **Diamond Dust** crystals. They are smaller in diameter than a strand of your hair, and they sparkle in the sunlight as they float through the air, which is how they got their name.

When snow and black dirt combine, they make something called **snirt** - (snow-dirt).



It snows on earth and also on **Mars**.

The largest snow sculpture ever built was in Heilongjiang Province, China in 2008. It was 656 feet long and 115 feet tall, and it took **600 sculptors from 40 countries** to build it.



SNOWMAN CALM DOWN JAR



When we feel anxious, sad, or angry, a Calm Down Jar can help. It gives us something to hold in our hands, and something interesting to watch while our minds calm down so we can talk about how we feel.

Ask a trusted adult to help you and have fun making your very own Snowman Calm Down Jar.

SUPPLIES:

- A clear glass or plastic jar or bottle with a tightly fitted cap
- Elmer's Washable Clear Glue
- Water
- Food Coloring
- Glitter
- Colored Paper or Pom Poms (for eyes, mouth, and nose)
- Felt (for a scarf)

DIRECTIONS:

- Decorate your jar to make it look like a snowman. Glue on eyes, mouth, and a carrot nose.
- Cut a strip of felt for the scarf and tie it around the jar.
- Fill $\frac{3}{4}$ of the jar with hot water.
- Fill $\frac{1}{4}$ of the jar with clear glue.
- Add glitter.
- Put the cap on tightly and give your snowman a shake!
- To make a spill-proof Calm Down Jar, secure the cap with hot glue or super glue.

