

Slimy Polar Bear

Celebrate National Endangered Species Day by creating a cute Polar Bear with your child



Collect:

Shaving cream
White glue
Spoon
2 googly eyes
1 black pom-pom
1 black pipe cleaner
2 cotton rounds
1 small paper plate
Paint brush (optional)

If you don't have all the materials at home, you can substitute them. You can use dry black beans for the eyes and Oreo cookie for the nose, for example

First step.

1. Glue the cotton rounds on the back of the paper plate for the bear's ears.

Prepare the paint.

2. Mix 1 part of shaving cream and 1 part of glue on the paper plate. This mixture will be your slime paint.

Create.

3. Spread the paint on the entire paper plate with a spoon or paint brush.
4. Add the pom-pom and pipe cleaner for the bear's muzzle.
5. Add the googly eyes above the bear's muzzle.

Experiment.

6. Let it air dry overnight. Notice how the slime paint feels fluffy after it is dry.

Endangered vs. Threatened

- An endangered species is when a species is in danger of becoming extinct.
- A threatened species is when a species is likely to become endangered.

Interesting Facts.

(Reference: WWF)

Scientific Name: *Ursus maritimus*

Listing Status: Threatened in the US under the Endangered Species Act.

- Polar bear skin is black, and even though its fur appears white, it is transparent.
- Male polar bears can be twice the size of females, weighing about 1700 lb (800Kg).



- Their paws work as a paddle for swimming; they can swim for long distances and as fast as 6mph. They are considered marine mammals as they spend most of their lives on the sea ice of the Arctic Ocean.
- Polar bears are carnivores; their primary diet consists of seals, and less of 2% of their hunts are successful. They have a powerful sense of smell, which they use to hunt and can detect a seal nearly a mile away.
- The polar bear's habitat is rapidly declining as sea ice continues to melt due to climate change.



How can we help polar bears, so they don't become endangered?

When possible, reduce your carbon footprint by taking some of these steps:

- 1) Carpool with your friends.
- 2) Ride your bike instead of driving.
- 3) Wear one extra layer of clothes in the winter to turn down your home thermostat a little bit.
- 4) Eat local and fresh food, such as fruits and vegetables.
- 5) Recycle, repurpose, and reuse.