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**Twass The Night
Before Christmas**



Ho! Ho! Ho!



How do you do?

Santa's elves are on their way to you.

With a magical story,

For you to enjoy,



I hope you've been good girls and boys!

There are one or two things they need you to find,



Bring them to the story,



Don't leave them behind,

And on these pages,



Crafts you will find!



Things to find and bring along:

- A light/torch
- Your Christmas stocking or a sock
- A blanket or quilt
- Something to make a clatter – drum or even a pan and spoon!
- Fake snow/flour in a tray
- Bells (if you have them or see below for craft)
- A flat piece of cardboard or a board (not too heavy)
- Wobbly jelly
- Your favourite toy



Christmas Tree

You will need:

2 sheets of white card

Scissors

Green Paint

Glue (we used pritt stick)

Sellotape

Things to decorate your tree

(glitter, mini pom pom, tinsel, stars, feathers, crêpe paper, foil, foam...anything you like!)

1. Take one sheet of card and roll up to make a tree trunk – secure with glue or Sellotape (we used Sellotape).

2. Paint your hand or foot green.

3. On the other sheet of card, place a line of green handprints or footprints across the bottom.

4. Place more handprints or footprints above that and repeat to form a tree shape. You may need to reapply paint to keep the colour even.

5. Once your tree is dry, decorate it! You can glue decorations to your tree, draw or paint them on or try finger painting baubles. Don't forget the star at the top of the tree!

Christmas Tree

When you're finished, attach the tree to the trunk with glue or Sellotape (we used glue).



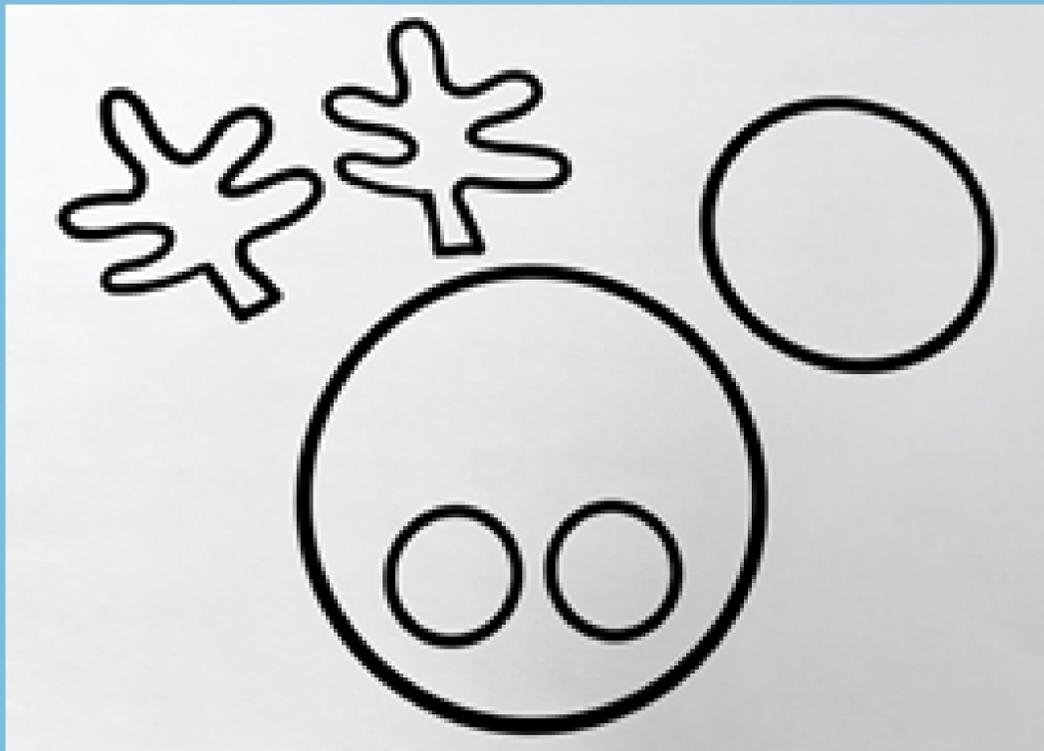


Reindeer Finger Puppets



Step One

Take your reindeer template and cut round the outlines (be careful when cutting the finger holes, they can be tricky!)



Step Two

Attach the antlers to the head and the head to the body using glue (we used Pritt Stick) or Sellotape





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Step Three

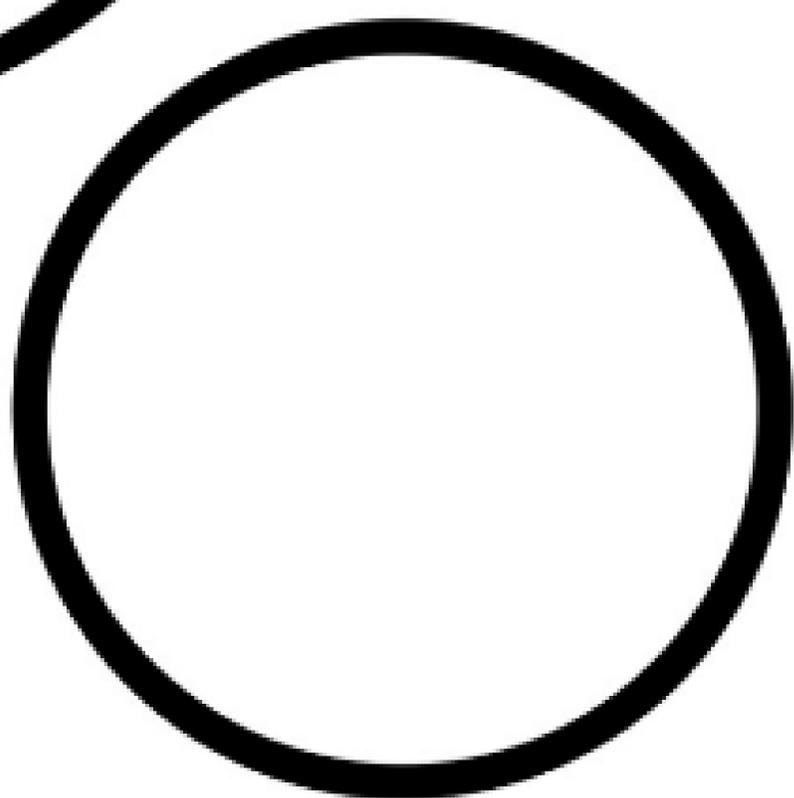
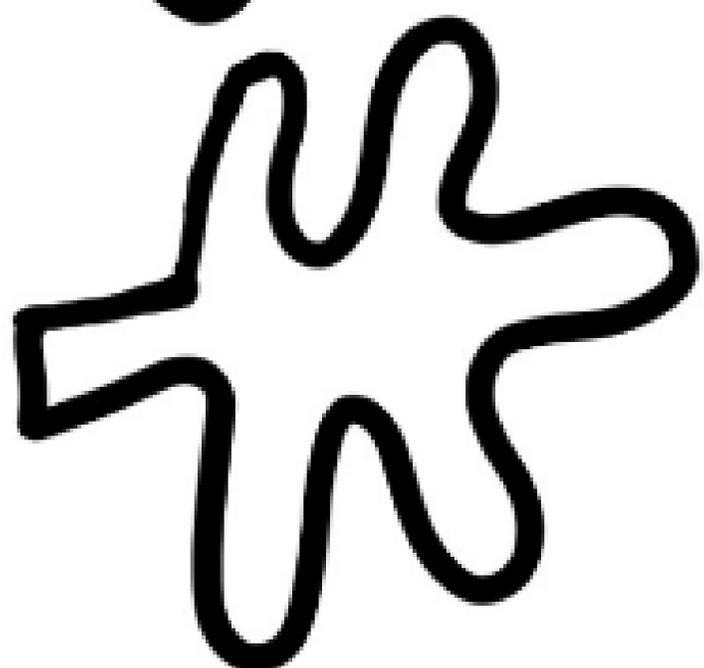
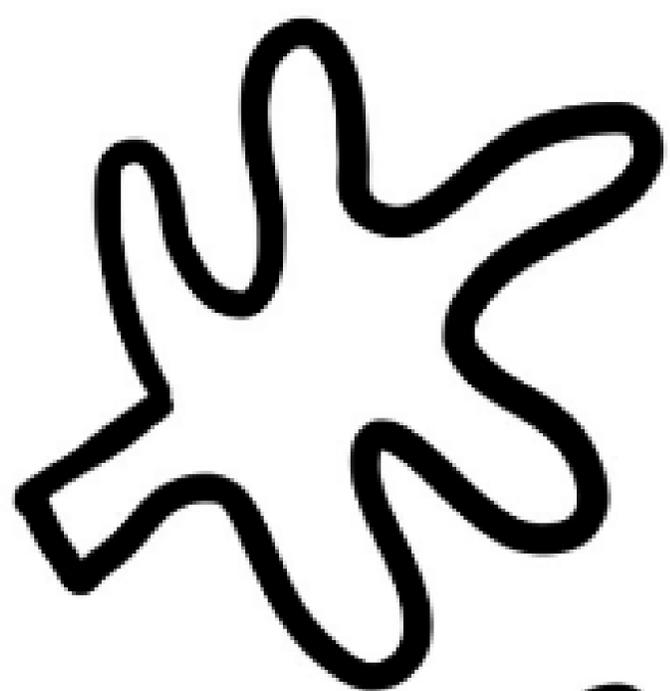
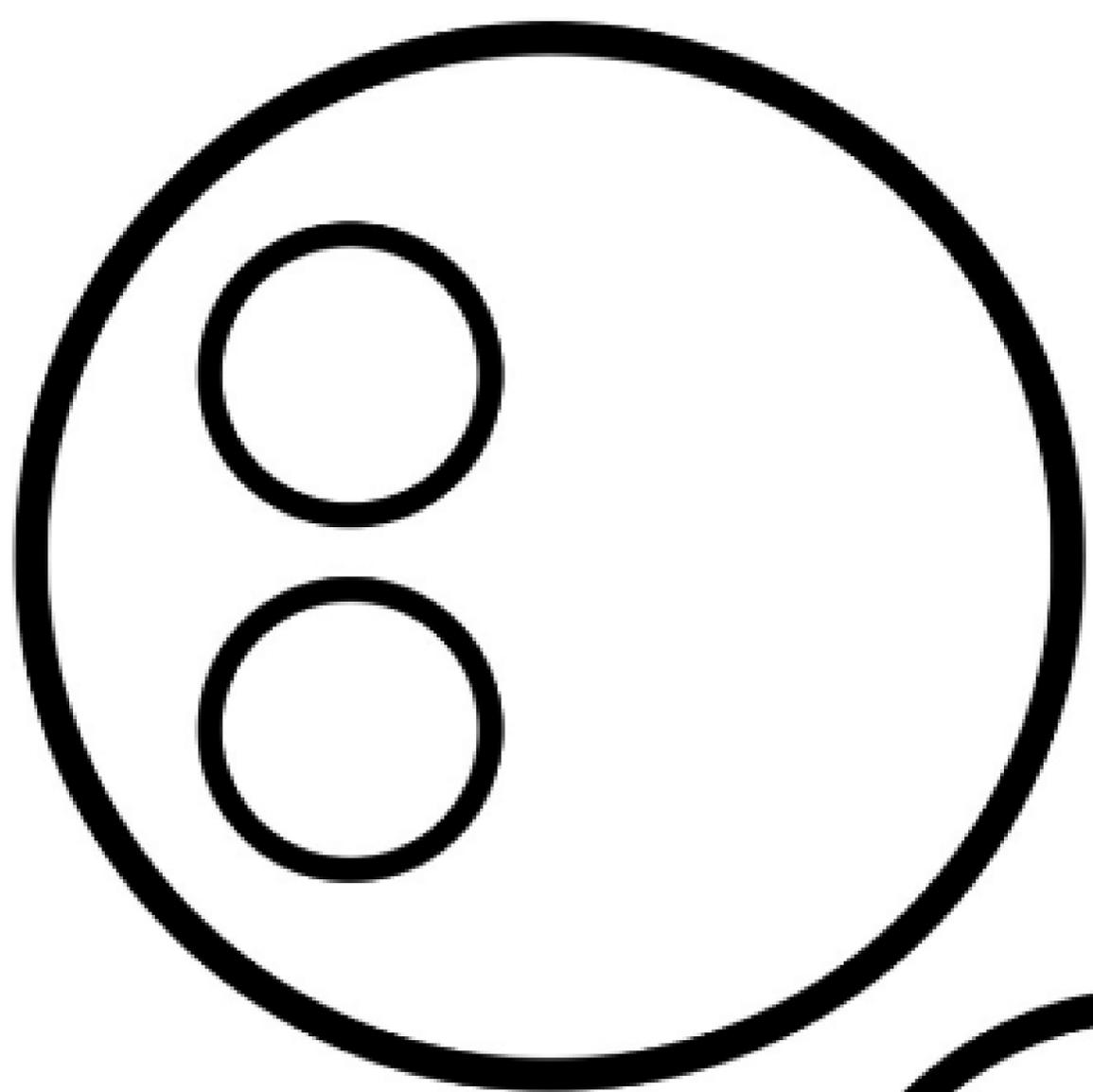
Decorate your reindeer! This is the fun part and it's entirely up to you how you do it. You could colour it in, paint it, or do what we did and use glue and a few different textures. We used felt and glitter for the antlers, feathers for the face and crunched up crêpe paper for the body.



Step Four

When you're happy with how your reindeer looks, pop your fingers through the holes and ho-ho-ho hope they fit!







Jingle Bells

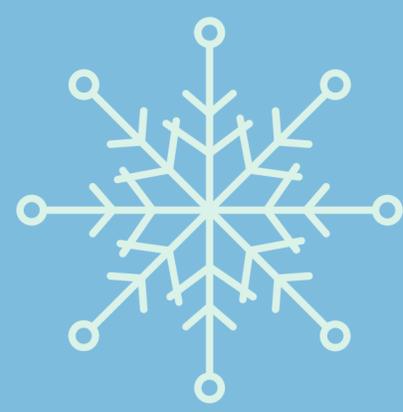
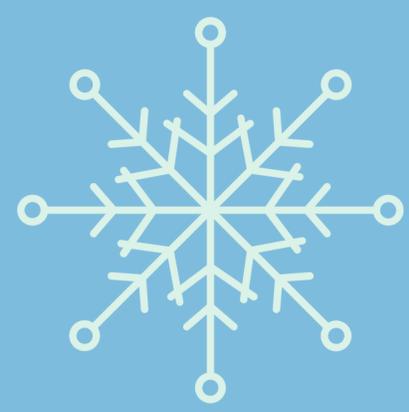


What you will need:

- Pole or cardboard tube
- Cutlery
- String

1. Tie string on to the cutlery.
2. Tie the other half of the string to a pole or cardboard tube.
3. Shake the tube to make the jingle sound.
4. This can also be used in the garden as a chime



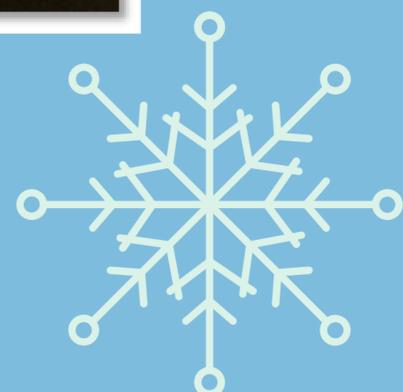
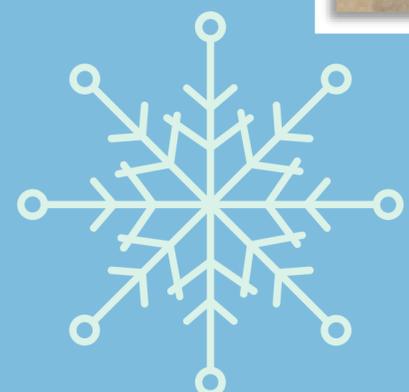


Magic Snow

You need only two ingredients, bicarbonate of soda and water!

1. Pop some bicarbonate of soda/baking soda in a bowl (we used one cup) and add water a little at a time.
2. Mix with a fork until you reach the right consistency.
3. Pop in the fridge to chill.

*If the soda becomes powdery after a while, add a little more water again and stir with a fork as before.



'Twas the nightbefore Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;

Light shining over Christmas tree

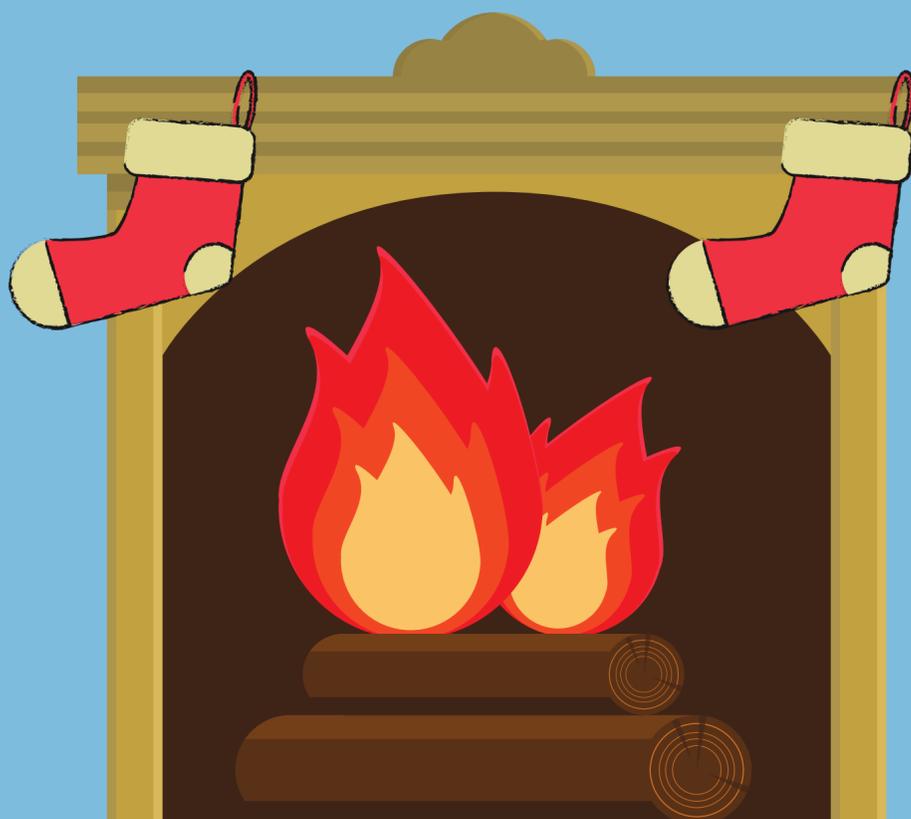
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

Christmas stockings

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
A quilt pulled up to the chin and tucking around the body.

And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,

Make 'YAWN' sound



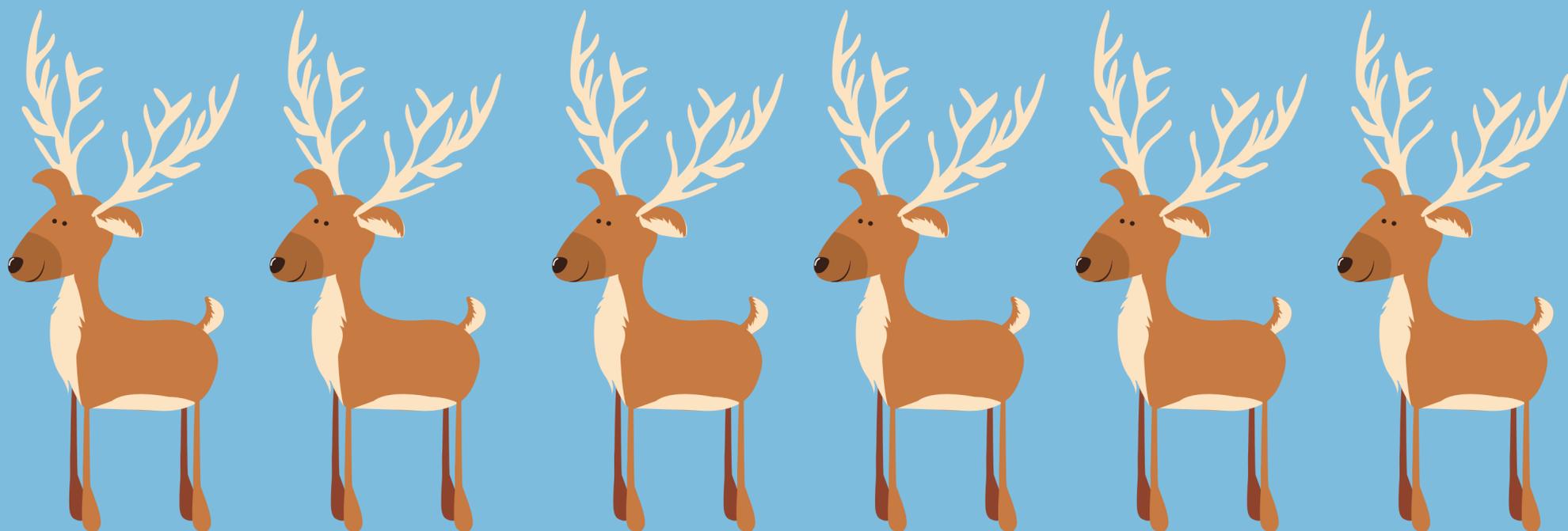
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Make some noise using your drum, pot or spoon.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
Sprinkle your snow in front of light.

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
Count out the reindeer

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!
Use the reindeer to splash about in the snow.

What about Rudolph?
Sing 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer'



Up to the rooftop the reindeer flew,
With the sleigh full of Toys, and their jolly driver too.
Jingle bells to signal flying.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
**Cardboard/board held above head with fingers
drumming/hooves sound effect**

As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
Make a 'pop' sound

His eyes--how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
Touch cheeks



He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.

Bowl of jelly

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
Bring something to have in the stocking. Share with the group.

And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
Make a 'pop' sound

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
Jingle bells to signal flying

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."
Sing 'Jingle Bells'

