Color Me
Sudoku number puzzle rules:
Only the numbers from 1 to 9 can be used.
Each 3×3 box can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once.
Each vertical & horizontal column can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once.
The puzzle is solved, when every row, column, and 3×3 box contains every number from 1 to 9 exactly once.
ACROSS
1. Place to burn wood
4. Sport for mountain slopes
7. Color of fresh snow
9. December, __________ , February
10. Keeps your neck warm

DOWN
2. Santa’s helpers
3. No two are alike
5. Frozen water
6. Tool used to move snow
8. Wind, hail, rain, thunder!
Paper Icicles

If you want to enjoy the icy look of winter from inside your house while clothed in pajamas, try this fun and simple icicle project with your child. Complete with the drippy, glittery shapes that make icicles so popular, this paper project can be hung everywhere from door frames to tabletops.

What You Need:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Glitter
- Tape
- Newspaper

What You Do:

1. Before getting started, have your kid lay down a thick layer of newspaper over her workspace.
2. Let her pour a thick line of glue across the top of the paper.
3. Help her lift the paper and stand it vertically over the newspaper.
4. Watch as the glue drips down like icicles. Have your child lay the paper flat as soon as her glue icicles reach the desired length.
5. Let her sprinkle on the glitter so that it completely covers all the glue.
6. Tell her to shake the excess glitter on to the newspaper.
7. Set the paper aside to dry.
8. When the glue has hardened, have your child use scissors to cut around the glitter icicles.
9. Let her tape her new strip of icicles anywhere she feels need an added injection of chilly charm!
Draw by Numbers

[Image of a winter scene with a snowman, snowflakes, pine cones, and snow-covered trees, connected by numbered dots to form a picture.]
Winter Activities To-Do List
Place a checkmark next to the activity after you complete it.

☐ Go on a winter scavenger hunt or nature walk.
   (Look for things that are specific to winter and discuss some changes you’ve noticed since fall.)

☐ Make a bird feeder and enjoy bird watching.
   (Use cardboard toilet paper rolls, peanut butter, and bird seed.)

☐ Do some ice science.
   (Find out how long it takes an ice cube to melt in your kitchen.)

☐ Go outside and stargaze.
   (Since it’s getting dark early, use the time before bed to look at the stars.)

☐ Build an igloo camp inside.
   (Make a winter-themed twist on the traditional pillow and blanket fort.)

☐ Watch holiday movies.
   (Traditional holiday movies are always fun, but challenge yourself to try new movies that highlight holidays that are new to you.)

☐ Host a backyard winter competition.
   (Participate in obstacle courses, relay races, and other fun challenges suitable for your location and weather.)

☐ Use coffee filters to cut and make snowflakes.
   (These make great decorations to hang on windows.)

☐ Bake!
   (Try out a new recipe from a different culture to learn about new foods.)

☐ Read holiday-themed picture books.
   (Visit the local library to check out some books to learn about a holiday that you do not already celebrate.)

☐ Use tissue paper to make snowy day art.
   (Challenge yourself to use only tissue paper to create a snowy day scene.)

☐ Build a colorful snowman out of playdough.
   (This snowman is not like the others... and that’s amazing!)

☐ Practice indoor ice skating.
   (Put on some socks, and slide around the kitchen and other areas of your house with slippery floors.)

☐ Sing!
   (Learn some songs that are used to celebrate holidays that you do not already celebrate.)
December 4 is National Cookie Day!

Color your favorite cookies and enjoy a sweet craft on the next page.
Painted Cookies

Everyone has painted on paper, but have you ever tried painting your cookies? Try it out with this fun activity! Kids mix their own paint, then practice their fine motor skills by painting beautiful designs on homemade cookie canvases. After creating unique works of art, they'll get to eat them up as a yummy dessert.

What You Need:

- Sugar cookie dough
- Clean paintbrush
- Water jar
- Damp dish towel
- Liquid, gel or paste food coloring
- Egg yolks (one per color of paint)
- Small dish

What You Do:

1. In advance, roll out your favorite sugar cookie dough and cut round or square "canvases."
2. Mix the "paint" together. If your child can handle the food coloring container, let him add a few drops to one yolk. Or add color yourself and let him stir with the brush handle.
3. Show him how to clean the brush handle by rinsing it with water before mixing the second color. Have him to mix the other paints and clean the handle between colors.
4. Now it's time to start painting! Place one raw cookie in front of him on floured wax paper. First, show him how it's done. Move through the steps slowly, using few words. First dip (in the paint). Now stroke (on the cookie). Now dip (in clean water). Now wipe (with the towel). Use each color so he can see and hear the steps repeated.
5. Invite your child to have a turn. As cookies are finished, slide them off the wax paper and onto a baking sheet. Take another turn yourself and model the steps again as needed.

Bake the cookies according to the chosen recipe, and viola — beautiful pieces of edible art! These cookies are fun to eat, and they make great gifts, too!

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Happy New Year

JANUARY  CLOCK  COUNTDOWN  PARTY  TOAST  CELEBRATION  MUSIC
BALLOONS  SPARKLERS  HAPPY  CHEERS  FIREWORKS
CONFETTI  MIDNIGHT  FRIENDS
NEW YEAR

Words may be horizontal, vertical and diagonal.