

# The Acorn



Just for Kids...  
(of all ages)

## Indoor Fun!

If you are like many kids, you may be WAY ready for spring to get here! Winter weather is fun, & a lot of us have had a great time sled-riding, ice-skating, or building wonderful snowmen (...or women, or animals, or whatever we chose to build!), but it's time for the Wheel of the Year to turn again. As we wait, however, we will still be facing snowy days & some rainy, blustery weather as the temperatures outside slowly begin to warm.

While we await the spring, we've got plenty of things to do inside! If you like to draw or paint, now is a great time to be creative. Readers can pick up a good book (writers in The Oak Leaf say that the Harry Potter books are terrific!), & writers can spend long late-winter afternoons working on poems, stories, or letters. These chilly months are also the best time to clean out your room...look through things you don't use or wear anymore, & find out if you can give them away or donate them to Goodwill - then rearrange your room,

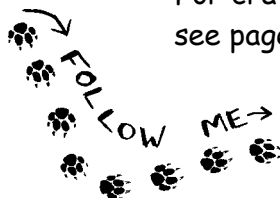
so that it seems like a brand-new place!

For crafty ideas,  
see page 3 - Happy  
Making!!!

### Imbolc/Ostara 2001

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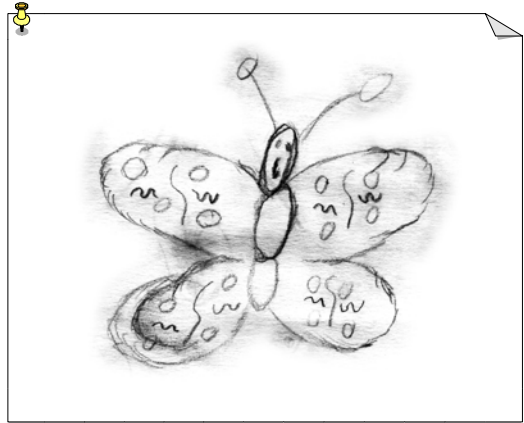




**\*\*\*Kidspirations!\*\*\***

Featuring the work  
of artist & writer  
Dragon (Jennifer  
Borden), age 9, of  
Akron, Ohio

\*\*\*Kids! Send us  
YOUR creations for  
another Acorn!\*\*\*



Drawing

Drawing of delight  
is the best thing for the soul  
But art is for the heart  
of laughter and love  
But hatred is for rocks  
of harden and stone  
Dragon



**Crafts by Starlite** ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ 

**Imbolc Ideas:**

**Sand Candles**

- Clean Sand*
- Melted Wax*
- Candle Wick*

Fill a bucket or container with sand. Melt wax or candle stubs in a double boiler. Make a shape in the sand - for small child, a fist in the sand is easy for them to do. Place a wick in the middle of the indentation, then pour in melted wax. When wax hardens, remove from sand. Some sand will remain, giving the candle a cool look!

**Ice Candles**

- Paper Cup*
- Melted Wax*
- Candle Wick*
- Ice*

Melt wax or candle stubs in a double boiler. Place wick in center of cup. Tie end to a stick that is placed over the top of the cup. Crush ice & add to cups. Pour wax over the ice. Peel away cup after wax has hardened.

***For older children or the young at heart:***

**Candle Shadows**

- Soup Can or Tin Can*
- Hammer & Nails*
- Small Candle*

Clean soup can. Draw design on can. With a nail, hammer in the design. Place candle inside can. Light and enjoy!



### Ostara Options:

#### Grow Something!

Remember the seed planted in cup at school? Now is a good time to start! Cut a plastic soda pop bottle down to a cup so the roots are easily seen. Bean spouts can be started in a plastic baggy also. Avocado seeds can be spouted in a jar of water. Place toothpicks in the seeds and cover the bottom 2/3 of the seeds with water.

#### A Book of Shadows for Children

*Blank Book or Notebook*

A small child can have a BOS also... their special book can contain pressed leaves or flowers, coloring pages, recipes, handprints, pictures, programs from events they've attended, and well - whatever else they or their parents want to add. Older children might also include dreams, wishes, songs, pictures, and anything else they like. They can even make their own book with pages and a colored paper cover. Punch holes and tie together...& let the book begin!



### The Fox's Den



While the seasons shift & many of us curl up in our dens to await the coming of spring, enjoying movies (alone or with friends) can be a great way to spend a cozy hour or two! Some you may like: *Ferrugully, Hercules, The Pagemaster, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, The Black Cauldron, Hook, The Secret of Roan Inish, Merlin, Dragonworld, Willow, The Princess Bride, Mary Poppins, & Bedknobs & Broomsticks.* So make some popcorn, curl up on the couch with a new movie (or an old favorite!), & enjoy!

