

Snowmen's Clean-Up Storm

(Lumiukkojen siivousmyrsky)
BALL THROWING PLAY

Type: indoor or outdoor play
(large space)

Age: 4 to 7 years

Players: even number of players

Duration: 7–10 minutes

Online support materials

Audio recording / Teeny-tiny Boogie Boots instrumental 2 (soundcloud.com)

Picture cards / Activity and Equipment Cards (pdf, oomc.fi)

Skills exercises

- Overhand throw

Equipment

- Audio recording: Teeny-tiny Boogie Boots instrumental 2.
- The boundary line can be made with jump ropes, high-vis tape or a line drawn in the sand (outside).
- Each player is given at least three “snowballs”, which can be soft balls, crumpled-up newspaper balls or sock balls.
- The picture cards can be used to support play: ball pit balls and overhand throw.



Preparation

- The playspace is divided into two halves with, for example, jump ropes or a line drawn in the sand.
- The players are divided into two teams.
- The teams go to their respective halves of the playspace.
- Snowballs are placed in the middle of each half of the playspace for each team.



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How to play

When the music is playing

- The snowmen are tidying up, i.e. they are throwing (overhand) snowballs into the opponent's half of the playspace.
- Both teams try to keep their own half free of any snowballs.

When the music stops

- The players all stop throwing snowballs. Everyone freezes into ice statues.

When the music and clean-up storm are all over, the snowballs are counted up on both sides. The side with the fewest snowballs is the winner.

The players can start over with a new round of play. An adult can play background music for a suitable length of play time.

Adapting a task

Make the task easier

- Players can throw the snowballs any way they want. Underhand throws with both hands are also allowed.

Make the task more challenging

- Players may only touch the snowballs with the feet.



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