

# WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

Built by The Home Depot Kids Workshop

## December 2022: Santa Letters Mailbox

Ages 5-12

### CONNECT.

If you were to write a letter to Santa this year, what would say? Do you have any news you would like to share or any gifts you would like to ask for?

### INVESTIGATE.

Each year, Santa receives letters from children all around the world. Before you write your note this December, create your own stationery to help it stand out from the rest!

#### You'll need:

- Copier paper
  - Pencil
  - Ruler
  - Colored markers
  - Colored pencils
1. Begin with one piece of paper. Then brainstorm: *If you were to create a border (or a design that goes all around your page), what images would you include?* Try to think especially about what Santa may like. If you're stuck, you could choose...
    - a few different Christmas images to draw in a repeated pattern,
    - one holiday-themed item (such as garland, ribbon, or holiday lights) that you can loop around the entire page, or
    - four of your favorite parts of the holiday season, so you can draw one in each corner.
  2. Use your pencil to sketch the design first. Be sure to leave plenty of room in the middle for writing your letter!
  3. Once your draft is complete, create a colorful final version with the markers and/or colored pencils.
    - **Optional:** Do you write better on lined paper? Draw light lines across the page with the ruler before you move on to the next section.

In your letter to Santa, you will create a fun design to make your letter stand out. **Property Investors** make repairs and updates to a home to make it stand out for potential buyers or renters. A Property Investor takes care of a home by painting, replacing appliances, or updating finishes to ensure it is safe for people to enjoy living there.

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### INNOVATE.

#### You'll need:

- Your Santa Letters Mailbox
  - Your completed Santa stationery
  - A pen or pencil
  - Envelope
1. Before you write your own note to Santa, make copies of your stationery so your family and friends can write letters to Santa too! You can either recreate several copies by hand, or you can use a copy machine or a scanner/printer to make copies of your design.
  2. Then pass out the stationery to your family and friends. Be sure to tell them when they should give their completed letters back to you so you have time to mail them before Christmas!
  3. As your friends and family are writing their letters, take some time to write yours too. Be sure to include the date in the top right corner, followed by a greeting (such as *To Santa*, *Dear Santa*, or *Hi Santa*) on the left side. After you write your letter, sign off with a friendly closing (such as *Thanks*, *Sincerely*, or *Best*) followed by your name.
  4. Fold your letter and put it in an envelope. Address the front: *Santa Claus, North Pole*.
  5. Then place the envelope in your Santa Letters Mailbox. Add to the collection as you receive other letters from your family and friends.
  6. Before December 25th, do one final check to make sure each letter is addressed to Santa. Then transfer them from your Santa Letters Mailbox to your real mailbox... and send them on their way!

