



Edinburgh Schools' Christmas Card Competition

Salvesen Mindroom Centre is looking for six designs under the theme **'What does Christmas mean to you?'** for our 2021 Christmas card collection and to help raise essential funds.

The six winning designs will be chosen from the following age groups:

- P1-P3
- P4-P5
- P6-P7
- S1-S2
- S3-S4
- S5-S6

The prizes

Each winner will receive:

- A voucher for an arts class of their choice. This could include Dance Base, Edinburgh College of Art evening classes, Lyceum Youth Theatre classes, and more. If the artist is under 16, we will need contact details and consent to contact a parent/guardian to arrange this.
- A Salvesen Mindroom Centre certificate and medal.
- Opportunities for winners and their designs to be featured in press articles as well as news pieces on our website and social media.

Helping your students design their Christmas Cards

The theme

What does Christmas mean to you?

All over the world, people celebrate in different ways. For some people, Christmas is spent surrounded by family, sharing food and love. For others, it's a quiet time to reflect during a much-needed break from work and school, spending cosy days at home with a book or taking chilly walks in the snow.

Your design can be as literal or as abstract as you want!

Take a look at our idea section below for some more inspiration.

Materials

Designs can be created using any materials. It could be crayon, felt tip, oil paints, graphic design or photography – as long as it can be scanned or emailed and printed onto a card!

If a child wants to use clay or any other 3D materials, we will only be able to accept it if you can send a high-quality photograph of the piece with a plain background.

Size

Included in this pack is a template sheet which you can print and hand out to your class to draw on directly. If any students would prefer to use their own paper (especially if using paints etc), please create a square shaped design that you can easily scan and send to us. We will scale this image to fit the size of the final cards which are 150mm x 150mm.

Ideas/Inspiration

- Create a winter night sky using paints and collage. Paint first with poster paints and leave it to dry. Then use assorted paper to cut out a sky line to sit on top. Use black card or paper and add details to your city with silver gel pen or paints.
- Decorate the Christmas tree of your dreams! Print off a stencil of a tree and add all the pretty lights and decorations yourself!
- Create your own stocking! You can add your favourite Christmas designs to your pattern and fill it with things you love.
- Show us your favourite Christmas meal. Do you have turkey for dinner or something else? If dinner is your favourite part of Christmas, why not show off your biggest, tastiest plate?
- Have you ever heard Santa and his reindeers on Christmas Eve? Did you go to look or keep your eyes shut tight? Why not draw a picture of what you think he was doing – pinching a biscuit for Rudolph, or maybe he got a bit stuck in your chimney!
- What do you do on Christmas eve? Draw a picture to show us. Do you lie on the floor in your pyjamas or play games with family?

If you are looking for more ideas or resources to get your class involved, check out [Twinkl](#), [Tate Kids](#) and the [Royal Academy](#).

Submitting your designs

Please send your photographs, scanned images or files to fundraising@mindroom.org by Monday 30th August 2021.

File formats can be high resolution jpeg, png or pdf, but please make sure the image is at least 150mm x 150mm when we open it, or we may not be able to use the image.

If you have any problems with this or need help, please get in touch with us by emailing the address above and we will get back to you.

Make sure to include the artist's first name and age along with the design.

You can also submit original designs by post if you prefer:

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