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Hej småles!

Christmas is approaching once more and we are so excited to celebrate the holiday season. Do you have any plans this holiday?

At the IKEA store, we have a Soft Toy Drawing Competition that you can have a chance to have your drawing turned into a REAL soft toy read more about it on page 4. We have some exciting news – the småles Christmas bazaar is now held at the IKEA Alexandra store too! How exciting! Find out details on how to apply or when you can visit on **page 5**.

Do you know what mountains have impact on our environment too? Learn what we just found out on **page 14 – 16!** We hope you have a merry merry holiday and we can't wait to see you at the stores soon!

With Big Bug Hugs,
Alex and Tampi





Soft Toy Drawing Competition



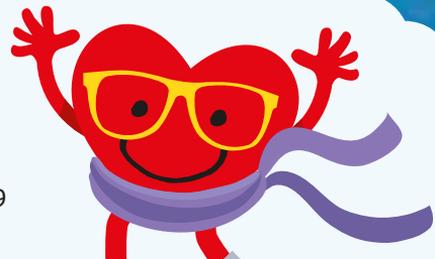
Vote for your favourite
drawing to be turned
into a real soft toy.

Between **23 Nov - 2 Dec**, visit
[IKEA.sg/FAMILY/softtoy](https://www.ikea.sg/FAMILY/softtoy) to vote
for your favourite drawing. The top
drawings stand a chance to be
made into a real soft toy.



New Merchandise

Redeem småles Lele cup covers for just
\$1.50 Smålish dällars! *Available from 8 January 2019



Hej småles!
Good news!!
It's time again for you to have a chance to be your own boss at the småles Christmas Bazaar. You, yes, you can set up your stall! Stand a chance to get a stall with **\$2 Smålish dollars!** This time, you can choose to set up your stall at either IKEA Alexandra or IKEA Tampines!

Buy and sell your own stuff for Smålish dollars or even have your own game stall!
12 stalls are available this year.

Not going to set up a stall? Pay a visit to see what your fellow småles are selling and buy something from them!



småles Christmas bazaar

Date: 2 December 2018

Time: 11am – 3pm

Location:

- 1. IKEA Tampines, Level 2 and**
- 2. IKEA Alexandra, store entrance**

How to apply?

Get an application form IKEA Tampines or Alexandra Bug House or email* with subject '**Christmas bazaar 2018**' and the following details:

- Items you will be selling
- Name
- Smålish passport number
- Contact number
- Alexandra or Tampines store

Successful applicants will be notified by 29 Nov (Thu).

*Take note that stalls are only for småles members aged 4 -12 years and are non-commercial. The bazaar stall cannot be used for the promotion of a business/company.

*IKEA Tampines: 022localmarketing@ikano.asia
IKEA Alexandra: events.alexandra@ikano.asia



Caramel Lava Cake

Looks like it is time for some warm desserts! Heard of Chocolate lava cake? It is a cake with a chocolate gooey centre. Now, heard of a Caramel lava cake? That's something different! Try it out yourself.

Ingredients

- **Chocolate Cake box mix**
- **450 lb wrapped caramel**
- **6 tablespoons evaporated milk**
- **Muffin pan**

Steps

1. Preheat oven following the instructions on the cake mix box
2. Prepare chocolate cake as instructed on the box
3. Fill one quarter to half of the muffin pan with cake mix
4. Bake for about 8 minutes

For caramel filling

1. Microwave caramel and evaporated milk for 30 seconds then stir
2. Repeat until caramel is completely melted

Add caramel filling

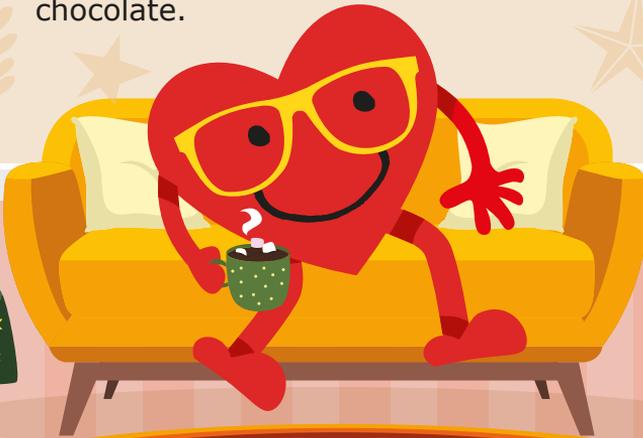
1. Remove the cake from oven after 8 minutes & press a spoon into the middle of the unfinished cake
2. Pour 3 - 4 tablespoons of caramel into middle of each unfinished cake
3. Pour remaining cake mix over unfinished cake and return to oven
4. Bake for the time recommended on the box



Dress up your hot cocoa!

Oh, Christmas! A perfect time to curl up on the couch with a cup of hot cocoa in your hands as you look at the fairy lights on your Christmas tree.

Feel even fancier by dressing up your plain ol' hot chocolate to impress your mommy or daddy or make the drink look all the more delicious just for yourself! Here are some ways you can dress up your plain ol' hot chocolate.



Top it with marshmallows



Add a candy cane in

Not only does it serve as a decoration and a stirrer, it also adds a peppermint flavour to your hot chocolate!



Plop in an Ice cream

Get your hot chocolate real warm and add a scoop of your favorite flavor of ice cream to make it extra creamy.



Cinnamon Sticks

Your hot chocolate now looks like you ordered it from a really nice restaurant and has a little spice flavour to it!



8 Cool facts about snow

It's Christmas time! Though it does not snow here in this part of our world, we all know what snow is. Here are some cool facts:

About 75 percent of Earth's freshwater is found in snow and ice, including glaciers.



Snowflakes always only have 6 sides - The water molecules that snowflakes are made of can only fit together in a way that results in a six-sided ice crystal.

There is such a thing called Watermelon snow. It is snow with reddish coloured algae growing on it.



Light and fluffy snow is often called 'powder'.





The most popular activity for kids to do in the snow is to build a snowman!



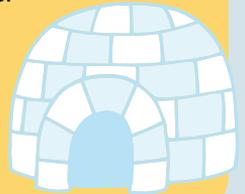
It is a myth that no two snowflakes are exactly the same - In 1988, Nancy Knight, a scientist found two identical snow crystals. They came from a storm in America.



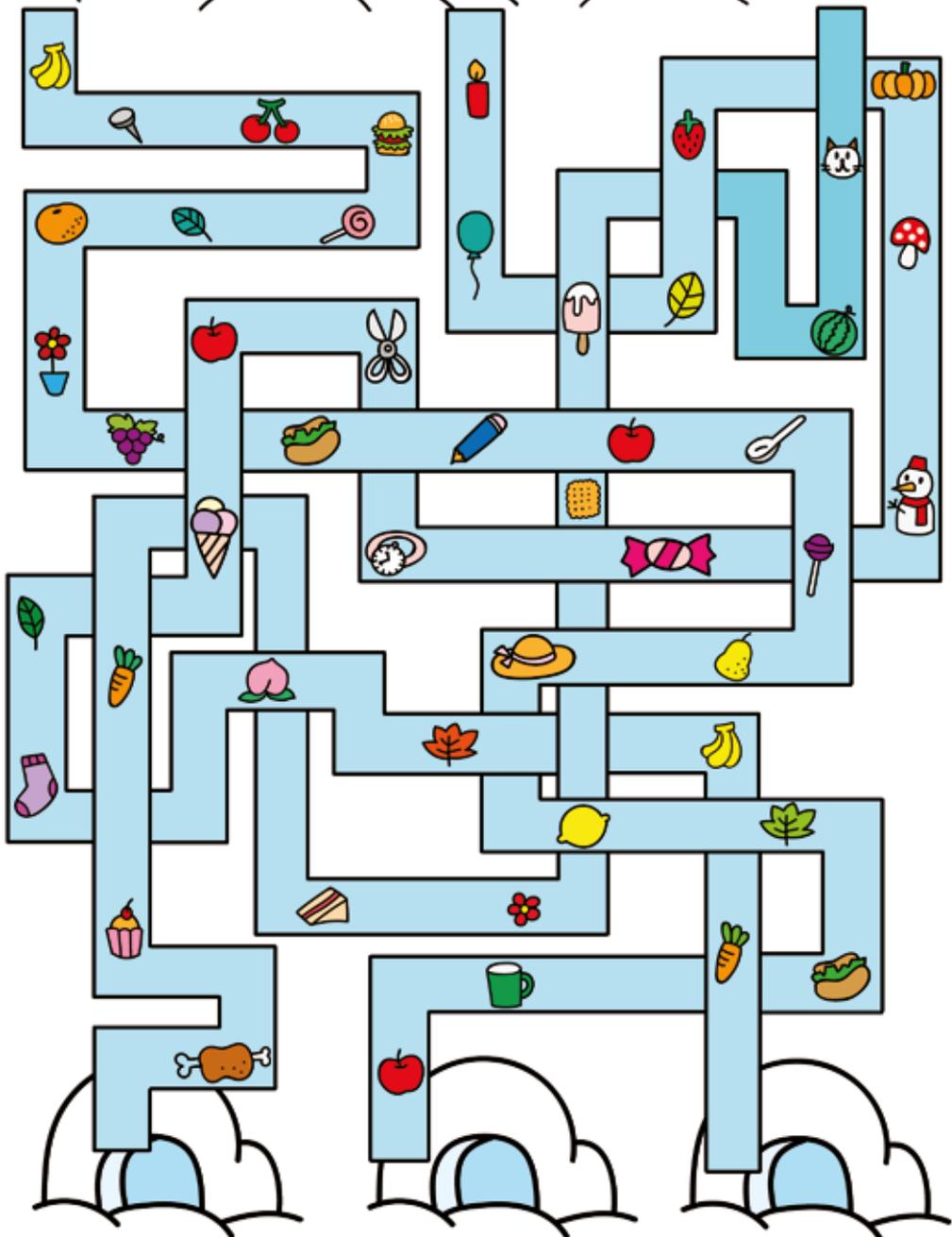
Snow is actually translucent, not white. Snow, like the ice particles it is made up of, is actually colourless and not exactly transparent, which means that light does not pass through it easily, unlike glass, but rather, reflected. It is the light that is reflected off a snowflake that creates its white appearance.



Igloos can be more than 50 degrees warmer inside than outside. Compacted snow traps air and therefore it keeps heat really well. That is why, many animals, such as bears, dig deep holes in the snow to hibernate through the winter.



Help Alex, Tampi and their new found Yeti friend find the way through the icy tunnels



Can you find the matching outfit as Yeti in the boxes below? Circle them.





**Spot the
difference**

Can you spot the
20 differences
in this drawing?



Send in your answers with your name, Smålish passport number and contact details to alexandtampi@smales.com.sg or **60 Tampines North Drive 2, Singapore 528764** by 30 Dec 2018. 15 lucky winners will each win a **STARTTID accessory bag**.



Mountains

Have you ever seen a mountain? They are big, tall and majestic!

Most mountains are created when the big slabs of rock that make up the Earth's crust crash into each other.

Over millions of years, the sheets of rock push up and over one another, creating the mountain. Some mountains are created when the Earth's surface erupts and spews lava out onto the ground. The lava piles up and cools, and over millions of years, the many layers of hard lava become a mountain.



Did you know that Mountains are important sources of water, energy, mineral and provide abundant habitat for a variety of plant and animal species?

About half the world's population depend on mountains for drinking water, hydropower, agriculture and precious metals from mining. They are have so many types of different plants and animals living there and are home to many endangered species.



Mountains have an influence on the temperature and climate around them near and also faraway because mountains juts up into the straight blowing winds and causes them to be lifted up, over and around the peaks and ridges.

The environment in the mountains can drop in quality based on things like deforestation and over-grazing by livestock.





Environmental effects on mountains

Mountain eco systems, if not taken care of properly or affected by the harsh environment can cause avalanches, landslides and floods. As a result, it causes the loss of many natural habitats that both humans and animals there depend and live in.

Sadly, with global warming caused by climate change due to deforestation and pollution, the peaks of mountains are losing their white blanket of snow and ice that reflects the sun's radiation. Instead, darker-colored ground of the mountains absorbs heat, making the heat-trapping effect of greenhouse gas pollution worse. The quick melting of the ice caps also affect the fresh water supply and increases the risk of floods and avalanches in the mountains.

Let's do our part to recycle paper and save water for the environment and the mountains we love.

Animals that live on the mountains

The abundance of nature and its climate in the mountains make it perfect for many animals to live. Here are some animals you can find on the mountains:

Beaver

A famous bug tooth animal, the beaver is known to build dams and lodges using wood. It is found in North America.



Mountain goat

The mountain goats are one of the animals that can move around the rocky part of a mountain with ease. It is found throughout the mountains in North America and Canada.



Brown Bear

Found across North America, Asia, Europe and North Africa, it loves high altitudes.

Snow Leopard

Found in the Himalayas, this magnificent creature is listed amongst the endangered animals. An estimated number of 3,500 to 7,000 snow leopards are left in the wild.



Giant Panda

Found in mountain ranges in Central China, this bear looking animal loves bamboo trees. It is also on a list of endangered animals (meaning not many of them are left in the wild!).



Advent Calendar



01 DEC

Visit the streets to see the Christmas lights with your mommy or daddy



07 DEC

Help to decorate the Christmas tree or learn to create your own from paper!



02 DEC

Visit the småles Christmas bazaar



08 DEC

Sing a Christmas carol with your family



03 DEC

Learn to create some snowflake cut outs



09 DEC

Write your own Christmas comic



04 DEC

Write a thank you note to people you love



10 DEC

Make a snowman out of marshmallows



05 DEC

Turn on a Christmas movie and watch it with your family



11 DEC

Draw a family portrait or draw your best friends and save it as a gift



06 DEC

Make some hot chocolate



12 DEC

Make your own wrapping paper from recycled paper



14 DEC

Write down a list of gifts you would like to give to family & friends



19 DEC

Give Big Bug Hugs to everyone you love!



14 DEC

Bring paper porridge to IKEA to feed Alex and Tampi



20 DEC

Play some Christmas songs in your home



15 DEC

Think about your 2018 and write down what you are thankful for in the year



21 DEC

Tell a joke: Who doesn't eat on Christmas? A turkey because it is always stuffed.



16 DEC

Write down what you hope to see in 2019



22 DEC

Have you finished your gifts yet? Christmas is coming!



17 DEC

Make last preparations for your gifts!



23 DEC

Eat some warm chocolate chip cookies with milk



18 DEC

Help decorate your house for the festivities!



24 DEC

Countdown to Midnight



25 DEC

Merry Christmas!



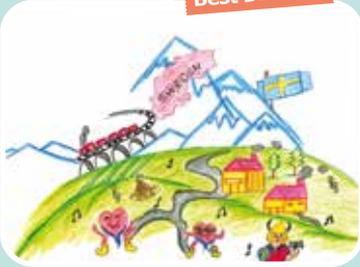
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Last issue's theme:

Alex and Tampi tried some adventurous mountain climbing in the snowy alps and encountered something along the way!
What did they see?

Best Drawing



Dante Kahom Cheng, 9 years old



Elizabeth Tong, 11 years old



Victoria Tang, 9 years old



Andrea Chan, 8 years old



Geneva Vyne Neo, 9 years old



Doreen Liaw Yi Xuan, 10 years old



Kate Lau Le Qi, 10 years old



Jody Yang, 9 years old



Rachel Seah, 10 years old

Alex and Tampi went decided to try out something new for their paper porridge and went into the bamboo forest in search of bamboo paper. What did they see?

Include your name, age and Smālish passport number on the back of your drawing and Send your drawings to us in an A4 sized paper at **60 Tampines North Drive 2, Singapore 528764** or email it to us at **alexandtampi@smales.com.sg** by 2 Jan 2019! The Best Drawing gets to win a **BLĀHAJ soft toy shark!**





Best Letter

One snowy day, Alex and Tampi decided to go skiing and went to the tallest mountain in Smaland. When they were skiing, Tampi tripped and went rolling down the mountain in the opposite direction they were meant to go! Collecting a whole lot of snow as he went, until he looked like a giant snowball.

Alex heard a huge thump and turned around. He was shocked to see Tampi wasn't skiing behind him. "Tampi! Tampi!" Alex called frantically. Then he screamed in fright. For a huge snowman with skis came lumbering up. Alex turned to run, but he heard a muffled "Wait! It's me, Tampi!" Alex saw that the snowman was indeed Tampi! He brought the frozen Tampi home to sit near the fire to warm up with a cup of chocolate. Soon the snow melted off Tampi. Then they slept.

Kelly Sin, 11 years old

Alex, who was very keen on winning the race, did not realise that Tampi had tripped over a hidden rock and fell inside a shallow hole. When he reached the bottom of the slope, he turned around only to realise that Tampi was gone. "Help..." A weak voice called out softly. Alex jumped out of his skin. He climbed up the slope of the mountain and found Tampi in a shallow hole with some cuts. He helped Tampi down the slope to a nearby shelter. Alex then wounded Tampi and apologised to him for being too focused on winning and not helping him up earlier. Tampi accepted the apology and went back home with Alex.

Since then, Alex decided to have a better sportsmanship.

Tova Yap, 11 years old

Tampi was skiing down the slope and wanted to show Alex a trick. However, Tampi flew off to the distant forest. Alex turned around and did not see Tampi! She shouted nervously, "Tampi, Tampi! Where are you?" Tampi did not reply. Feeling scared, Alex immediately dashed back home. She quickly alerted Lele when she reached home.

Meanwhile, Tampi was attacked by bears! Two large grizzly bears were chasing him because they were woken from their hibernation. The bears chased him further away from home. Alex and Lele waited nervously at home, wishing Tampi would come home. Later that night, Tampi returned! He was soaked and covered with leaves, twigs and scratch marks. Alex and Lele hugged him and asked where he had been. Tampi told the duo everything and they enjoyed the rest of the night watching shooting stars and feeling glad to be safe and sound at home.

Daeyan Heng, 10 years old

There was only one piece of paper left for Alex and Tampi to make their paper porridge when a squirrel snatched it from Alex and ran away. What happened after?

In **no more than 150 words**, include your name, age and Smålish passport number and send your letter to **60 Tampines North Drive 2, Singapore 528764** or email it to us at **alexandtampi@smales.com.sg** by 2 Jan 2019! The Best Letter gets to win **TJENA** magazine file.



Last issue's theme:

Alex and Tampi was skiing along the slopes of a mountain when Alex turned around and realized Tampi was gone! What do you think happened?

One fine snowy morning, Alex and Tampi went skiing. They were skiing happily until Alex realized that Tampi was gone! "Where are you?" shouted Alex but there was no reply. "I guess Tampi must have gone back to the starting point to rest," thought Alex. "I will just have a little rest first," he mumbled to himself.

After ten minutes, Tampi still did not come back. Alex was really worried now. He hoped one would kidnap Tampi. Alex looked everywhere but could not find Tampi. Alex was about to go to Torva's house when Lele came walking towards him. "Ahhhhh!" shrieked Alex. "Who are you?" asked Alex. "I am Tampi," Lele replied calmly. Tampi explained that he had dressed up as Lele as he had wanted to ski and fly at the same time.

They laughed and went home with smiles on their faces, being warmed by the sunset.

Valerie, 8 years old

Alex and Tampi had a lot of memorable moments together. But there was one that they kept close to their heart...

Once, they were skiing along the slopes of a mountain at a rapid speed when Alex realised that Tampi was nowhere to be seen! Just then, he heard a groan from afar. Out of curiosity, he followed the sound, hoping that it would lead him to Tampi. True enough, the sound led him to a bush, where he found Tampi. Streaks of blood were flowing down Tampi's right leg.

Tampi told Alex how he had lost control of his skids and tumbled into that bush. Alex gently picked Tampi up and carried him home. Then, he treated his wound.

"Thanks for being such a caring and loving friend," Tampi whispered into Alex's ear. Upon hearing that, Alex beamed and said, "That's what friends are for."

Rebekah Tan Zhi Jun, 9 years old

"Weeeeeee", Alex and Tampi exclaimed gleefully jumping up and down. Alex and Tampi were skiing happily down a bumpy mountain. "Race you down!" Alex shouted from a distance. "I am going to win," Alex thought to himself. "I reached! I reached!" Alex chirped joyfully. Amazed that Tampi didn't respond, Alex turned around. Surprisingly, Tampi had vanished into thin air. Despite his best efforts, he did not seem to be able to find Tampi. By this time, Alex was feeling both exhausted and ravenously hungry. "Once I have rested and filled my tummy, I will look for Tampi again", Alex muttered to himself. Quickening his steps, he rushed home, wanting to eat his favourite food: paper porridge. At the doorstep of his home, the fragrance smell of paper porridge wafted into Alex's nostrils. How could it be? As the door creaked open, he was shocked to see the sight before him. It was Tampi. Tampi had come home to prepare his favourite dish as a surprise for his birthday. It was indeed a pleasant surprise that not even a million Smålish dollars could buy!

Lim Si En, 9 years old





In Store
Activites



Cookie

Decoration

for smales members



Cost: FREE
Date: 9 Dec, Sunday
Location: Bug House at
IKEA Tampines
& IKEA Alexandra
Time 2:00 - 2.30pm, 3 -3.30pm
Session: 14 pax at any one time*
Based on a first come first served basis

A red graphic resembling a flower or a cluster of overlapping circles, positioned behind the text.

**Wreck this
page**

**Create a drawing using
only short strokes.**