

Winter time means that many people will experience drafts in either their windows or at the bottoms of their doors. Many people will then go out and buy the draft snakes to put there. Well we started to make our own to make them more unique than the ones that you see in the stores. These are just two of the ones we have made in the past. There are many more that you can make once you have the concept down.

## **Materials Needed:**

### **HEAT-SAVING SNAKE**

- 1 pair striped women's tights
- Uncooked rice (ours took a full 5-pound bag)
- Needle and thread
- Fabric glue
- Felt
- Googly eyes
- Scissors

### **DOGGY IN THE WINDOW**

- 1 pair women's tights
- Uncooked rice
- Needle and thread
- Fabric glue
- Felt
- Googly eyes
- Scissors
- Paper clips
- Button

Old belt or bracelet

**Instructions:**

**HEAT-SAVING SNAKE:** 1) Cut off one leg from a pair of striped women's tights and fill it with rice (ours took a full 5-pound bag). An easy, spill proof method is to use a plastic cup with the bottom cut out for a funnel. 2) Pinch the open end of the leg into itself to form a tapered snake tail and stitch it closed. Glue on googly eyes. Lastly, sew on a felt tongue, using the same technique described for attaching the dog's ears (see step 7 for Doggy in the Window, below).

**DOGGY IN THE WINDOW:** 1) Cut one leg from a pair of women's tights and fill it with rice. Leave enough room to tie the open end into a tight knot. 2) For a tail, apply fabric glue across the base of a felt triangle (ours was about 2 1/2 inches wide and 7 inches tall) and sandwich it around the knot. 3) Apply more glue to the sides and then fold the felt in half. Secure the tail with paper clips until the glue dries. 4) Glue on googly eyes. Attach felt ears by draping each one over the head, as shown, and then sewing the base in place. This way, when you flop the ear down, the stitching won't show.

For the finishing touches, sew on felt feet and a button nose (we used a triangular shank button). Then use your hands to shape the nose and body. Don't forget a collar: an old belt trimmed to fit, or even a bracelet.