

Online Book Club

The Mystery of the Onion Domes

Bring It To Life!

1. Try some instant Russian tea. Have an adult help you mix 1 cup instant tea powder, 2 cups of TANG (or other orange-flavored drink mix), 1 package of 3-ounce lemonade mix, 2 cups of sugar, 2 teaspoons of ground cinnamon, and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of ground cloves. Mix 3 or 4 tablespoons of the mix in 1 cup of hot water.
2. Create your own matryoshka, or nesting dolls. Find four or five boxes of different sizes. Decorate the boxes with faces and hair, put the smallest box into the next larger, and so on until they are all hidden inside the largest box. Or, you can have a scavenger hunt with the boxes. Place clues inside each box to help those playing the game find the other boxes. The first to stack the most boxes wins!
3. Look at the front cover of the *Mystery of the Onion Domes*. Try to design your own version of the magnificent exterior of St. Basil's Cathedral. Try different color combinations to make your onion domes as wild and colorful as possible.
4. Create your own miniature bobsled track. Ask an adult to help you cut paper towel tubes or toilet tissue tubes in half lengthwise so the ends look like a "U." Tape the tubes end to end to form tracks in different lengths and shapes. Try to add some curves by taping short pieces together at an angle. Roll marbles or small toy cars down the tracks to see which goes the fastest.
5. Have an adult help you find some examples of avante-garde sculptures. Create your own sculpture with items lying around your house.

