







Picking Up an Ice Cube

Ice cubes are a great thing to add to your drink on a sunny day. Using only a length of thread, can you pick up the ice cube?



- 1. Try different ways of picking up the ice cube using only the thread. You might try tying it around the cube, making a loop or some other way.
- 3. Lay the thread on top of the ice cubes with the ends hanging over the side
- 4. Sprinkle salt on top of the ice cube and thread. Leave it for a few minutes.
- 5. Take both ends of the thread and pick them up.
- 6. Lift up the ends of the thread and hold them up high. See what happens to

Saltwater freezes at a lower temperature than normal water (this is why the sea doesn't freeze over). The salt melts some of the ice so the thread goes slightly inside the ice cube. The water over the thread freezes again slightly (because the air by the cube is cold), trapping the thread inside the cube. So when you lift the thread, the cube comes with it.

