

January Snowman

You Need:

- * (2) 6" x 3 1/2" pieces cotton or wool
- * 6" x 3 1/2" piece batting
- * (2) 6" x 3 1/2" freezer paper
- * 1 3/4" x 10 1/2" strip - Scarf
- * (2) 2" Twigs - Arms (optional)
- * White craft glue (optional)
- * 9" DMC Memory Thread OR craft wire (22 gauge)
- * Floss: 12" 6-strand pieces
 - (1) Black
 - (1) Pink
 - (1) Brown (if stitching arms)
- * Buttons:
 - (2) 1/2" - Earmuffs
 - (1) each 1/4", 1/2", 5/8" Snowman Buttons
 - (1) Carrot - Nose (optional)



Let's Get Started

- 1** FREEZER PAPER PATTERN: Trace the Snowman body outline to dull side of freezer paper. Also trace eyes, mouth, cheeks, arms (if you're not using twigs for arms), and mark the 3 button locations. If not using a button for nose, trace that, too. Now iron the shiny side of the pattern to the dull side of the second piece of freezer paper. Cut out on line. You now have a double layer of freezer paper with the pattern on one side & a shiny other side. This heavier paper pattern will work better on the wool 'sandwich' you'll make in #4.
- 2** TRACE: Using a light box, place one piece of wool over drawing, centered over the Snowman body outline, & trace face details to wool with a mechanical pencil lightly. If you can't see through the wool, pin freezer paper outline (from #1) on wool, centering. Lift the edge of paper and use your thumbnail next to the line on the pattern to guide you as you trace underneath. This works fairly well when there's only a little bit to do. Otherwise, poke holes in pattern with a needle or pin along the tracing line, mark holes with pencil, and when you remove paper, connect the dots.
- 3** EMBROIDERY: Embroider eyes with French knots & 2 strands of black (4 wraps). Use a backstitch for mouth with 2 strands black & arms with 2 strands brown (if not using twigs). Follow outline of cheeks with 2 strands pink & a backstitch filling in the outline in a spiral to the center. Then use 1 strand pink for eye lines, using only one short, slightly curved stitch on each side for a very light expression. (Stitch nose if not using a button.)
- 4** SNOWMAN: Center freezer paper pattern, matching embroidered details, & iron pattern over embroidery to top wool piece - pin if needed. Sandwich batting in between the two wool pieces, with freezer paper on top. Pin layers together.
- 5** With a straight stitch, sew right along edge of freezer paper outline all around Snowman, leaving a 1/2" section open at each side if using twigs for arms.
- 6** Cut out Snowman 1/4" from edge of stitching. Remove paper.
- 7** In between marks at top of head only, trim to 3/16" from stitching line.
- 8** Attach the 3 buttons to Snowman body & the carrot nose.
- 9** EARMUFFS: The Earmuff band is made of the DMC Memory Thread or craft wire and spirals over the top to act as a hanger. First, attach a 1/2" button to one end of wire by threading wire through two button holes & twisting around itself on backside (against head) of button. Now wrap wire around a pen or anything similar to make it spiral, leaving about 1" at the other end & attach wire to second button in same way.
- 10** Using drawing as a guide, attach Earmuff buttons to each side of head. Stitch through any 2 holes, attaching to the 1/4" seam allowance. Don't cover the face too much with the button. Repeat for other side.

11 HAIR: At top of head, in between the marks on pattern, rag the 3/16" allowance about every 1/8" (clip from outside edge in to the seam line) to give a whimsical appearance of hair. Use a small pair of scissors with sharp points. Be careful not to cut the stitching! To emphasize the hair, trim allowance to 1/8" or less from end of hair to behind button on each side.

12 SCARF: Make the scarf by folding the 10 1/2" x 1 3/4" strip in half lengthwise right sides together. With a 1/8" allowance, stitch across each end and down the long side, leaving about 2" open in the middle of long side. Turn and stitch opening closed.

13 Tie around neck, with knot to one side, leaving slightly loose. Tack to Snowman & to hold scarf just below mouth for a 'toasty' look without covering mouth.

14 TWIG ARMS: If using twigs for arms: Cover end of twig with white glue along entire length where in contact with the body. Insert in opening in side (left open in step #5) between back and batting. (To keep glue from scraping off twig, first insert a pencil or other object between back & batting to part them & open a path for the twig.) Add a little glue if needed to help hold firmly in place in surrounding fibers. Leave overnight to dry. Hand stitch opening closed, if needed.

