

Snowman Dress-Up

Block of the Month (due at the March meeting)

Trace the snowman head and accessories you choose, on the paper side of fusible webbing. (Remember that the shapes will be reversed unless you copy them from the back of the pattern). Roughly cut out the shapes and iron them to the fabric you choose. (To make the snowman head less bulky, cut the center out of the fusible web before you fuse it to the background fabric-like a donut). Cut out the pieces. Peel off the paper. Place the snowman head in the center of the 7" square (do not iron it down until you have figured out your accessory placement). Arrange the accessories you chose on your snowman circle making sure that there is a quarter inch seam allowance around the entire background square. Overlap the pieces slightly before adhering them with an iron.

It would look nice if some of the noses were facing different directions. Perhaps those with last names A thru L could try to have them left or upward facing, and M thru Z right or downward facing. Feel free to vary the size and length of the nose. Dress in different outfits if you like and play with different eyes or mouth, etc. Have fun with your snow head.

Put a piece of tear away stabilizer behind your applique. Use either a tight satin stitch or a blanket stitch to finish your work (play with this before you start stitching your piece). The thread you choose can either match your fabrics, or you can use all one color. A gray, or light brown will bring your snowman out against the similar background fabric. Smaller width stitches can be easier to manage. The bulk of the stitch should land within the snowman/accessory with a single needle width covering the edge and penetrating the background. The stitch length should be adjusted to provide good coverage of the raw edge. Hint: When stitching curves and corners, put the needle down into the fabric on the opposite side to the way you are going to turn, then lift the foot and pivot the fabric to get good coverage. Use smaller stitch widths for smaller pieces.



