

SEW MANY MEN.....

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Snowmen have been around for centuries, dating back to the Middle Ages. People built snowmen as a way to cope with the harsh winters, and as a symbol of hope for the arrival of spring. In the Victorian era in the 19th century, snowmen became even more popular as winter holidays grew into festive, family centered celebrations. People began to see snowmen not just as a way to pass the time during winter, but as a cheerful figure that represented the joy of the holiday season. In the United States songs and stories like “Frosty the Snowman” the joyful character we adore is a holiday icon. Snowmen around the World are loved by all and a cheerful addition to the Winter and Christmas season.

This pattern is so much fun to make and there are so many different variations of these snowman blocks to create different unique and fun quilts and wallhangings.

There are 3 Variations that you have a choice to make:



PATTERN

You will receive a copy of the pattern in class.

There are 3 different quilt variations you can choose to make

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

Version 1 – 46" x 64" Quilt 35 Blocks

- $\frac{3}{4}$ yard white for snowman faces
- 9 to 12 fat quarters – you will have plenty of variety for your blocks
- Scrappy – Keep in mind you will be making 35 blocks so you will need lots of scraps. Pieces will need to be $5\frac{1}{2}$ " and $2\frac{1}{2}$ " for making the stars
- Scrap of orange for noses, Scrap of black for eyes
- Backing $3\frac{1}{4}$ yards
- Binding $\frac{1}{2}$ yard

Version 2 – 32" x 32" Wallhanging 16 Blocks

- $\frac{3}{8}$ yd white for snowman faces
- 6 to 9 fat quarters – the more FQ's the more variety
- Scrappy – you will need some pieces $5\frac{1}{2}$ " for flying
- Scrap of orange fabric for noses. Scrap of black for eyes
- Backing $1\frac{1}{8}$ yards
- Binding 1 yard

Version 3 – 46" x 64" Quilt 35 Blocks

- $\frac{3}{8}$ yd for snowman faces – 18 blocks
- Use Yardage requirements above for Version 1
- Alternating Blocks $1\frac{1}{4}$ yards

Fusible Interfacing – You will need about $\frac{1}{8}$ of a yard for the black eyes and carrot noses. (Wonder Under or Steam a Seam2 light)

GENERAL SUPPLIES:

Rotary Cutter

Rulers 6" X 12" or 6" x 24" or your favorite ruler

Thread in neutral shade (white, off white, lt gray)

New Needle 80/12 Sharp (recommended) or your favorite

Straight Pins (recommend Clover)

Seam Ripper (recommend Clover)

¼" Sewing Foot (make sure you have an exact ¼" foot) not all machines come with one.

Sewing Machine in good working order

Sewing Machine bobbins, power cord, foot pedal and manual

CLASS PREPARATION:

If you can cut your snowman faces 4 ½" x 4 ½" . The amount you cut will depend on which version you have chose. Look at the examples of the quilt and wallhanging and pair up some of your fabrics for the blocks. Such as a red star and green background. What fabrics look good with what for the cutest blocks.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO GIVE ME A CALL OR TEXT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR IF I CAN BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE.

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I look forward to sewing with you soon.