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Materials

- Tilda Classic Basic fabrics (Fig A)
- Apliquick fusible stabilizer
- Appliqué glue pen (such as that used for paper piecing)
- Pointy end of a flower stick or similar for noses
- Thin, leafless and dry branches for arms
- Hot-glue gun
- Fibrefill approx. 75g–150g per snowman

We also suggest using:

- Sewing machine
- Matching thread and a sewing needle for hand sewing
- Flower stick or chopstick for turning and stuffing
- Thick paper for copying patterns
- Black hobby paint and a small-headed metal pin for eyes
- Lipstick or rouge for cheeks

Measurements

Small body – piece of fabric 8in (20.5cm) high x 14in (36cm) wide. Medium body – piece of fabric 9in (23cm) high x 14in (36cm) wide. Large body – piece of fabric 10in (25.5cm) high x 14in (36cm) wide. Hearts – piece of fabric 3in (8cm) high x $3\frac{1}{2}$ in (9cm) wide. Apliquick fusible stabilizer –piece $2\frac{1}{2}$ in x 3in (6.5cm x 8cm). Scarf – a torn fabric strip about $\frac{5}{8}$ in x 8in (1.5cm x 20cm).

Making a Snowman

1 Refer to the bullet points below on making the project before you start. Copy all the pattern pieces onto thick paper and cut out the shapes. Read all the project instructions through before you start. The fabrics used are shown in **Fig A**. All the snowmen are sewn the same way, the only difference being the height of the body.

- Use thick paper for copying patterns.
- The outer line on a pattern is the sewing line (generally, no seam allowances are included).
- When sewing the seams, reduce your stitch length to 1.5mm–1.6mm.
- Unless otherwise instructed, sew on the outer line of the pattern and then cut out the shapes *after* sewing, cutting ¹/₈in–¹/₄in (3mm–6mm) outside the sewn line.
- To get a good shape, cut snips in the seam allowance where seams curve tightly inwards.
- Stuff well, using a stick to fill small areas.
- Sew up gaps with matching thread and small slipstitches.



2 Body: Fold the body piece of fabric in half, right sides together, and place the body pattern on the fabric. Mark the pattern and then sew around the body, but leave the corners open and the opening for turning in the bottom (**Fig B**). Cut out with a seam allowance all round. To create depth to the body, fold the open corners so that the seams are on top of each other and then sew across the corners (**Fig C**). Snip notches where the seams turn inwards (**Fig D**). Turn through to the right side, stuff the body well and then hand sew the opening shut.



3 Heart: Cut the heart shape out of Apliquick fusible stabilizer (without a seam allowance) and iron it glue-side down onto the wrong side of the fabric (**Fig E**). Cut out with a seam allowance. Cut a few snips in the seam allowance, especially along curves. Apply glue along the edges of the seam allowance using a glue pen. Start pushing the seam allowance in over the edge using your fingers and a wooden stick (**Fig F**). Position and stitch the heart onto the finished body (**Fig G**).



4 To make the scarf tear a strip of fabric about $\frac{5}{\sin (1.5 \text{ cm})}$ wide. The scarf should be about $\frac{5}{\sin (20 \text{ cm})}$ long but it's easier to tear a longer strip and tie it on the snowman before cutting off the ends to a suitable length. You can glue the ends to the snowman using a hot-glue gun to keep them in place.

5 To make a face, we suggest using black hobby paint for eyes and a little lipstick or rouge and a dry brush for blushed cheeks. Mark the eyes just with pins first and then apply rosy cheeks with a dry brush and a little rouge or lipstick. Dip the head of a small metal-headed pin, about ½in (3mm-4mm) diameter, in paint and then stamp eyes on the snowman. For the nose, cut off the pointy end of a flower stick. You could stain the nose using brown or grey

paint to match the branches for arms. Glue the nose onto the snowman using a hot-glue gun. Repeat this process to make the other snowmen for the table decoration.

6 Assembly: Look at the photographs to see how the snowmen should be placed. We positioned the larger snowman at the back and the smaller one in the front. Glue the snowmen together using the glue gun. Cut small branches for arms and glue them onto the snowmen using the glue gun.

Snowmen Pattern

UK Add a seam allowance to all pattern pieces, except when cutting Apliquick fusible stabilizer for the hearts. The edges of the patterns mark the seams. Dotted lines indicate openings. Sew everywhere that a solid line appears in the pattern.





