

## Blizzard Message Board

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This chilly snowman will warm everyone's heart on even the coldest winter day! This magnetic message board will brighten any corner and keep you organized as well.

### Sewing Supplies:

Husqvarna Viking Sewing/Embroidery Machine

15" x 17" Hand Dyed Blue Sky Background Fabric

Blue/White print for border

Assorted 40 wt. Rayon Embroidery Threads

Bobbin Thread

17" x 11" Cookie Sheet (Be sure a magnet will stick to it) with a hole in it for hanging

Magnetic Clips (Ours came from Target)

Inspira Cut-A-Way #141000802

Husqvarna Viking Sensor Q foot #412 59 75-45

Husqvarna Viking Clear 1/4" Piecing Foot w/Guide #412 92 74-45

Husqvarna Viking Edge Stitching Foot #412 79 67-45

Husqvarna Viking Left Edge Topstitch Foot #412 78 42-45

Husqvarna Viking Clear B Edge Joining Foot #413058445

Rotary Cutter, Mat and Ruler

Two strips of Fat Bat cut 1 1/4" x 40" (Thick Polyester Batting)

Fasturn Tube Turner #140000001

1/4" Wide Steam-A-Seam 2 #140000195

Two yards of 3/4" wide Ribbon

Two piece of Velcro® 2" Long



### Cut:

Blue and white print:

Two strips 3 1/2" x width of fabric

One Pieces 7 3/4" x 10"

1. Download the Snowman Cross Stitch design from [www.husqvarnaviking.com](http://www.husqvarnaviking.com). It is free until February 29, 2008. It is available thereafter for purchase from [www.myembroideries.com](http://www.myembroideries.com).
2. Hoop the sky fabric with Inspira Cut-A-Way Stabilizer. Attach your Sensor Q Foot. For more information on using the Sensor Q foot, go to [www.husqvarnaviking.com](http://www.husqvarnaviking.com), USA, Education, Tips and Hints. Embroider the snowman design.

3. Measure the bottom of your cookie sheet. The message board is made with the embroidery and fabric on the bottom of the sheet. Ours measured 10 3/4" x 17". If yours measures differently, you will need to adjust the measurements accordingly.
4. Cut the snowman piece to 9 1/4" high and 10" wide with the embroidery centered.
5. Snap on your Clear 1/4" Piecing Foot W/Guide. Stitch the 7 3/4" high and 10" wide blue and white print to the bottom of the snowman embroidered piece.
6. Press the seam allowance toward the blue and white print. Topstitch, guiding the flange of the foot along seam line.
7. Fold your 3 1/2" wide strips in half lengthwise. Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance.

8. Slide one of the stitched fabric tubes over your largest Fasturn Tube. Be sure that the seam allowances stay to one side and the tube doesn't twist. Insert the wire as usual, and get the fabric just started into the tube. Insert the end of one of the fat bat strips about 1" into the end of the fabric in the tube. Pull the wire. The fat bat will be pulled through with the fabric and end up inside the turned tube.



9. Repeat with the other tube. Trim off the "empty" ends.
10. Fold under the raw edges on one of the tubes 1/4". Insert the raw edges of the other tube. Topstitch the joining.



11. This joining seam will be one of the corners. Fold to form a miter, hiding the seam, and press.

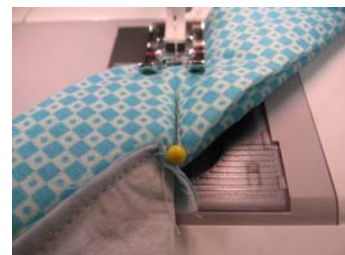


12. Place 1/4" wide Steam-A-Seam 2 on all four edges of your embroidered center. Remove the paper and place the mitered seamed corner in place on one of the corners. The band should overlap by a little more than 1/4". Press with steam to fuse the corner and a few inches on each side of it in place.



13. Fold the band to form a miter on the next corner and press to fuse. Continue with the opposite corner. The last corner, just overlap the band as shown.

14. Snap on your Left Edge Topstitch Foot. Select right needle position straight stitch. Topstitch the band in place starting and stopping at the overlapped corner.



15. Remove from the machine. Fold the overlapped ends into a miter and press. Insert a pin. Fold right sides together and stitch the miter.

16. Trim the excess leaving a 1/2" seam allowance. Trim the batting out of the seam allowances. Fold the points under and press to finish the corner.
17. Cut four pieces of ribbon 12" long. Stitch Velcro® to one end of each piece. Tuck the ends of the ribbon under to finish the ends.
18. Stitch the ends of the ribbon without Velcro® to the wrong side of the embroidered fabric 2" in from the edges on the top and bottom of the message board.
19. Attach the embroidered fabric to the back of the cookie sheet with the ribbons.
20. Insert a 6" strip of ribbon into the hole in the cookie sheet and tie in a knot to create a hanger.
21. Stock up on hot cocoa and watch the snow flakes fall!