

Build a Snowman, Make a Quilt!

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Whatever your motivation, your girls and boys are sure to have fun making this great, snowman quilt! Make it with your kids on a snowy, winter day, or make it for a fund raising event. This was made by second grade Brownie Troop 2752 at Saint Leonard's School in Berwyn, Illinois and then quilted on the Fabric Mover by "Grandma"! It was raffled off in a fund raising event, to raise money for their annual camping trip. It could be auctioned off for any charity or fund raising event. Start with the blocks cut and scraps ready to go with Steam-A-Seam 2 fusible web on the back. Add some circular shapes to get the snowmen started, and let the kids build snowmen! After their pieces are cut and in place, have the Mom's do the fusing. Then have each child write their name on the back of the block. Then the "quilter" takes it from there!

Finished quilt is approximately 42" x 53".



Sewing Supplies:

Husqvarna Viking Fabric Mover with Stitch Regulator
 Husqvarna Viking Sewing and Embroidery Machine
 Clear 1/4" Piecing Foot w/Guide #412927445
 One Yard Dark Blue Cotton for Blocks
 One Yard Light Blue Cotton for Blocks
 1/2 yard White on White Snowman Fabric
 2 1/4 yards for Backing and Borders
 1/2 yard for binding
 Scraps for Dressing the Snowmen
 Warm and Natural Cotton Batting
 Steam-A-Seam 2 Sheets

Paper or Plastic Cups to trace
 Iron
 Press Cloth
 School Scissors
 Assorted Small Buttons
 Several Hand Sewing Needles Threaded with Black Thread
 1/4" Piecing Foot w/Guide #412927445
 Safety Pins
 40 wt. Rayon Embroidery Thread
 Bobbin Thread
 Tear-A-Way Light Stabilizer

Cut:

From Dark Blue

Six rectangles 10 1/2" x 13 1/2" (You have enough fabric for several extra blocks for a sample and in case of meltdown)

From Light Blue

Six rectangles 10 1/2" x 13 1/2" (You have enough fabric for several extra blocks for a sample and in case of meltdown)

From Border/Back Fabric

Five strips 2 1/2" x width of the fabric

Prepare For the Kids:

1. Remove one side of the paper from sheets of Steam-A-Seam 2 and place on the back of the fabric scraps and the White Tone on Tone fabric. Cut the Tone on Tone White into pieces, one for each child and one for the sample square.
2. Cut out a sample snowman and fuse to a sample square. Cut a broom, shovel, hat, mittens, scarf etc. and "dress" your Snowman! Have this sample available for the kids to look at, but let them design their own snowmen.



Make the Snowmen Blocks

1. Have supervision and Mom's to do the ironing. School scissors should cut the fabric with the Steam-A-Seam 2 on the back of it. Have some spare pairs that you have tested.
2. Give each child a block and some scraps, and a cup to trace around. Let them use pencils on the paper side to trace or draw. Watch as they are making their snowmen, and before fusing, be sure that they stay at least 1" from the edges to allow for a seam allowance.
3. In case of "stray" bits of fusible, place a press cloth over the blocks as you fuse them.
4. Have the kids sew on the button eyes. For Brownies, it will go towards their sewing badge.
5. Have each child write his or her name on the back of the block in pencil.
6. Depending on the age of the kids, they can then sew the blocks together on the machine, or an adult helper can do it.

Assemble the Blocks:

1. Lay out your quilt alternating the light and dark blocks, four blocks across and four down. When you are satisfied with the arrangement, pin the top row together. Repeat for the other four rows. Mark row 1, row 2, row 3 and row 4.
2. Thread with sewing thread top and bobbin. Snap on your 1/4" Piecing foot w/Guide. This foot will help kids or adults alike keep an even 1/4" seam allowance.
3. Take the pinned blocks to the sewing machine and sew the blocks together to form a row of four. Repeat for the other three rows. Press the seams to one side.
4. Pin the rows together, keeping them in the order you chose. Sew them together. Press the seam allowances to one side.



Borders:

1. Cut one border strip in half to measure 2 1/2" x 22". Sew these pieces onto the ends of two other strips. These will be your long border strips.
2. Place the two short border strips right sides together on the top and bottom of the quilt. Snap on your 1/4" Piecing Foot w/Guide and stitch the seams using a 1/4" seam allowance.
3. Press the seams towards the border strips.
4. Repeat with the long border strips on the sides of the quilt. Press. The Quilt top is done.

Embroider the Names:

1. Embroider the "creators" name on each block. We used Mesa 12, which is one of the fonts built into the Designer SE. But, you can use your software, built in alphabets or any fonts that you like.
2. Thread with 40 wt. rayon embroidery thread on top and bobbin thread in the bobbin.
3. Hoop stabilizer and baste each block to the stabilizer, and embroider the name.

Quilt the Quilt

1. Place the quilt top on batting. The batting should extend an inch or two beyond the quilt top on all side.
2. Safety pin baste the quilt top and the batting together.
3. Place your Fabric Mover with Stitch Regulator on your machine following included instructions. Thread with decorative thread on top. We used Sulky 30 wt. Cotton, Sulky Blendables. Place bobbin thread in the bobbin. Set your machine for free motion following the instructions on the website at www.husqvarnaviking.com, USA, Education and Tips and Hints, or in your User's Guide. Add details to the snowmen. We stitched around the pieces, doing a swirly in the snowmen. Add fringe to the scarves and bristles to the brooms! Just pretend you are playing in the snow, and have fun!



4. After the snowmen are embellished, trim any long threads on the back of the quilt and make the quilt sandwich. Lay the backing fabric right side down on a flat surface. Place the embellished quilt top on top of the batting with the right side up. Safety pin baste through all the layers.
5. Thread with a Sulky 30 wt. Blendable on top and in the bobbin. We used 4056 a mixed light and dark blue. Do large, swirly stippling around the snowmen, on each block.
6. Trim the batting and backing even with the quilt top. Stitch around the edge of the quilt to secure the layers.
7. Bind the quilt. For information on binding quilts, go to www.husqvarnaviking.com, USA, Education and Tips and Hints.



Congratulations! Your snowman quilt is complete!