

Snowballs and More! By Heather Sneller

Fast fun project to play on Christmas morning or change it up to be a baby toy or massage ball.

Skill Level Beginner

Materials

Fabric & Additional Items

Each Snowball takes less than ½ a Fat Quarter
Can be made from Polar Fleece, Cotton, knits or even denim
Martelli Large Orange Peel template with fussy cut window
Sewing thread, Martelli Stuffing, Hand needles

Martelli Cutting Mat
Martelli Rotary Cutter
Martelli Fabric Clips

Optional:

- Embroidery file for face

NOTE – UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED ALL SEAMS AT ¼ INCH SEAM ALLOWANCE

For better results:

Have you changed your sewing machine needles/cleaned your machine, changed your rotary blades?

Pattern Instructions

Step 1:

- Note: Fleece does have a right and wrong side, you will need to match the right side of the embroidered face.
- Lay out your fleece right side of fabric towards you.
- Locate embroidered face.

Step 2:



Place fussy cut frame over embroidery.
Place template inside of Fussy cut frame.
Lift fussy cut frame.
Cut out first wedge of snowball.

Step 3:

- Cut three more snowball wedges.

Step 4:

- Place 2 pieces right side together.
- Place other two right side together.

Step 5:

- Serge or sew around one side of each pair of wedges.



- This will create two half circles.

Step 6:

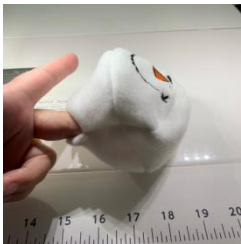
- Turn one set of pieces right side out.
- Nest one set inside the other right sides together , matching the seams up and pushing the seams open.

Step 7:

- Sew around the pieces starting about 1 inch from the matched seams.
- Make sure to leave an opening for turning. I have small hands and fingers, so leave a very small opening. I recommend leaving at least 1 inch.

Step 8:

- Turn your snowball right side out.



Step 9:

- Stuff your snowball to your liking.

Step 10:

- Hand stitch the snowball closed. The ladder stitch is an excellent choice.

Optional: Stuff with crushed walnut shells (lizard litter) for using as a pin cushion. Make in fun colors, and put in an ice cream dish for play food Ice cream. Add rice to give weight and to be used as a heated massage ball (must use all cotton material, thread, and stuffing). You can embroider, paint; applique your faces on your snowballs. Just keep in mind that buttons or other hard objects will hurt if the snowball is thrown.

We hope that you enjoyed this class. Remember this is just a starting point for this project. You can make this project a simple or as fancy as you would like. You are only limited by your creativity and imagination. If you sell these snowballs, we only ask that you reference where you received this pattern in hopes that we can teach others. Please post your creations, comments, suggestions and what you learned to the Martelli Creations website.

Inspiration

I made these several years ago as my house was covered in wrapping paper balls from the wrapping paper fights every year. They have been a hit every year since.