

Project: Snowman Ornaments

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Designer Notes

"You'll find yourself making these ornaments in multiples," says designer Sharon Stewart. To felt your own wool, machine-wash 100% wool in hot-water/cool-rinse cycle with a small amount of detergent; machine-dry it.

Materials for Three Ornaments

- 3—3" squares of felted black wool for appliqué foundations
- 6—4" squares of felted dark red wool for backing
- 3—3" squares of felted ivory wool for snowman appliqués
- 1" square of felted red-and-black check wool for earmuff appliqué
- 2" square of felted rust wool for carrot nose appliqué
- 2×3" piece of felted moss green wool for scarf appliqué
- 2×3" piece of felted red wool for hat appliqué
- Perle cotton: gold
- Embroidery floss: ivory, red, dark green, dark brown, black and green

Finished ornament: 3" diameter

Cut Fabrics

To make the best use of your fabrics, cut the pieces in the following order:

From dark red wool, cut:

- 6 of Pattern A

From ivory wool, cut:

- 1 each of patterns C, G, and J

From red-and-black check wool, cut:

- 1 of Pattern H

From rust wool, cut:

- 1 each of patterns F, I, and K

From moss green wool, cut:

- 1 of Pattern L

From red wool, cut:

- 1 each of patterns D and E

Create the Snowman with Hat

1. Position all pieces for the ornament on the black wool 3" square to ensure placement. Then, remove all pieces except ivory wool C piece; pin in place. Using one strand of ivory embroidery floss and tack stitches, stitch in place.
2. Layer the red wool D and E pieces atop the stitched ivory piece. Using one strand of red embroidery floss and long tack stitches, stitch in place.

Using three strands of green embroidery floss and long straight stitches, add stripes to the hat's E piece.

At the top of the hat, use three strands of dark green floss to stitch two small straight stitches topped with a once-wrapped French knot.

To make a French knot, see diagram, pull the floss through at the point where the knot is desired (A). Wrap the floss around the needle the number of times specified. Insert the tip of the needle into the fabric at B, $\frac{1}{16}$ " away from A. Gently push the wraps down the needle to meet the fabric. Pull the needle and trailing floss through the fabric slowly and smoothly.

3. Place the rust F piece atop the ivory piece. With one strand of dark brown embroidery floss and tack stitches, stitch in place.
4. To make eyes, use three strands of black embroidery floss to stitch twice-wrapped French knots.

Create Snowman with Earmuff

1. Center the ivory wool G piece atop a black wool 3" square; pin in place. Using one strand of ivory embroidery floss and tack stitches, stitch in place.
2. Place the red-and-black check wool H piece atop the stitched ivory piece. Using one strand of black embroidery floss and tack stitches, stitch in place.
3. Place the rust I piece atop the ivory piece. With one strand of dark brown embroidery floss and tack stitches, stitch in place.
4. To make eyes, use three strands of black embroidery floss to stitch twice-wrapped French knots.
5. Using black perle cotton, stem-stitch an earmuff headband.

To stem-stitch, pull your needle up at A, see diagram, then insert it back into the fabric at B, about $\frac{3}{16}$ " away from A. Holding the thread out of the way, bring your needle back up at C and pull the thread through so it lies flat against the fabric. The distances between A, B and C should be equal. Pull gently with equal tautness after each stitch. Continue in the same manner, holding the thread out of the way on the same side of the stitching every time.

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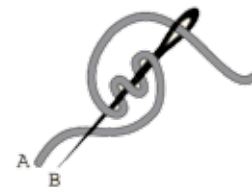
Create the Snowman with Scarf

1. Position all pieces for the ornament on the back wool 3" square to ensure placement. Remove all pieces except the ivory wool J piece; pin in place. Using one strand of ivory embroidery floss and tack stitches, stitch in place.
2. Place the rust K piece atop the ivory piece. With one strand of dark brown embroidery floss and tack stitches, stitch in place.
3. Place the moss green L piece atop the ivory piece. With one strand of green embroidery floss and tack stitches, stitch in place.
4. Using six strands of red embroidery floss, stem-stitch stripes on the moss green L piece.
5. To make eyes, use three strands of black embroidery floss to stitch twice-wrapped French knots.

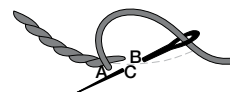
Finish Ornaments

1. Using Pattern B, cut each appliquéd black square into a circle, being sure to leave $\frac{1}{4}$ " around the design.
2. Center and stitch one black circle to a dark red A circle, using one strand of black embroidery floss and a tack stitch.
3. With wrong sides together, align a stitched red A circle with an unstitched red A circle. Using gold perle cotton, start at the top of each ornament and blanket stitch around the edge of the dark red circle; leave a 4" tail at the beginning. At the end, run your thread under the first stitches, tie a knot with the beginning thread, and leave a 4" tail. Cut the tails to the same length and knot together to form a hanging loop.

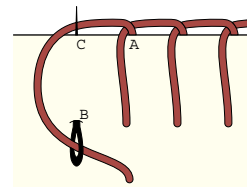
To blanket-stitch, refer the diagram. First pull your needle up at A, form a reverse L shape with the thread, and hold the angle of the L shape in place with your thumb. Then push your needle down at B and come up at C to secure the stitch.



French Knot

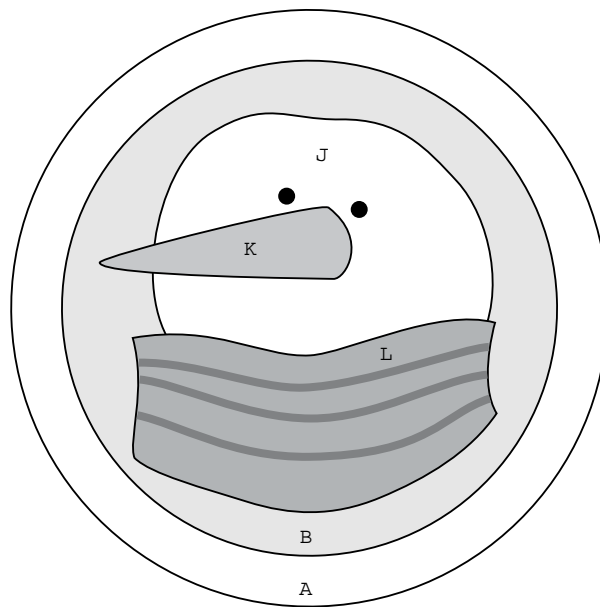
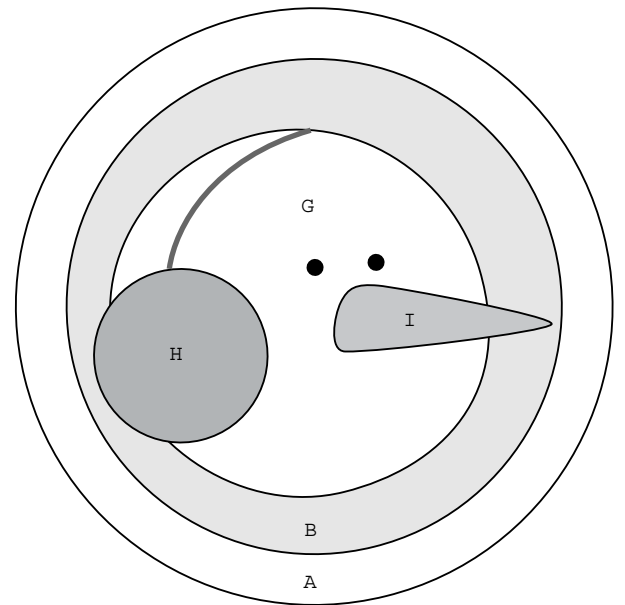
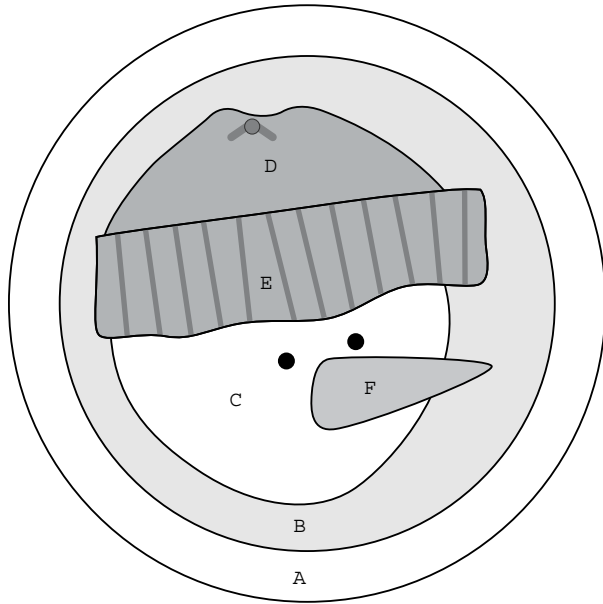


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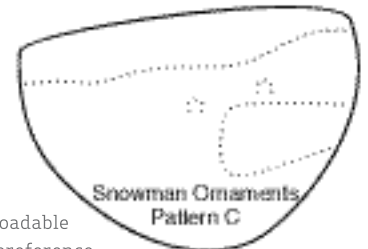
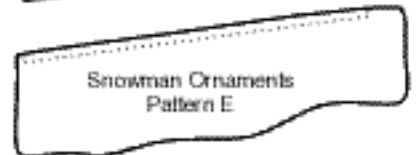
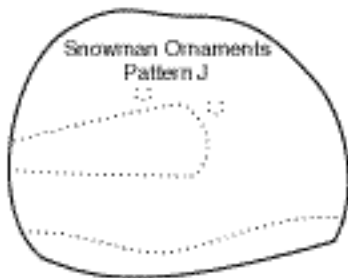
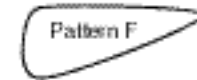
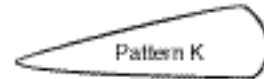
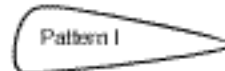
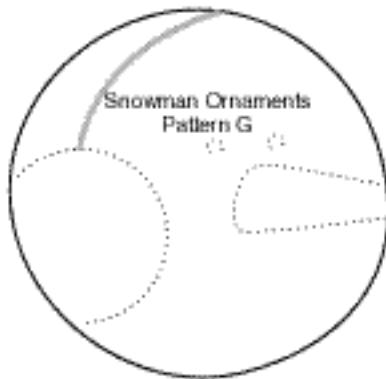
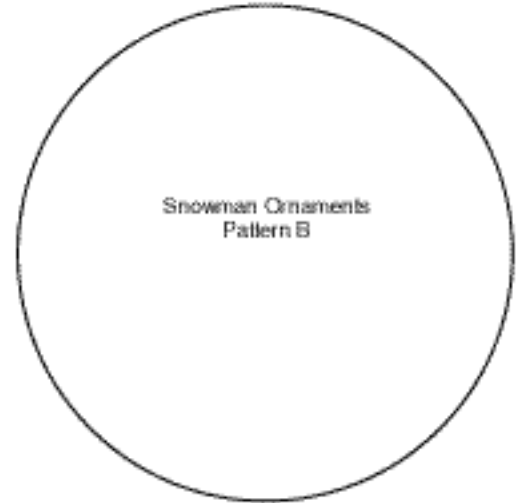
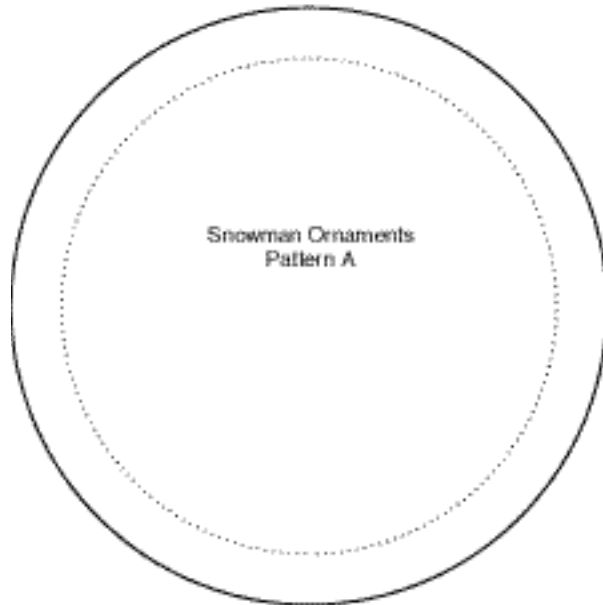
Blanket Stitch

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Ornament Placement Diagrams

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