

CUTTING GUIDE PROJECTS SNOWMAN HOLDER



MATERIALS NEEDED:

- (2) Elmer's® Foam Board™, 20" x 30" x 1/2", white
- X-ACTO® #1 Craft Knife* with extra blades
- (5) 10 oz. jars textured snow paint (or a type of spackle compound)
- (2) 24" length (approximately) of 3/4" diameter small branches
- 3" diameter Styrofoam™ ball
- (7) 1 1/2" diameter buttons, various colors
- 6" length medium red or dark pink rick rack
- Artificial or plastic carrot
- Child's hat, scarf and gloves or mittens
- Clear acrylic spray
- Glue gun and glue sticks*
- Butter knife
- Serrated knife*
- Scissors
- Cutting mat
- Craft snips*
- Pencil
- Newspapers

*An Adult should use X-ACTO™ Knife, glue gun, serrated knife and craft snips.



MEMORIES IN THE MAKING.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Use pencil to trace pattern onto copy paper and use photocopier to enlarge to 300%. (Depending on machine, it may be necessary to enlarge patterns in increments. Example: first enlarge at 200% and then enlarge the enlargement another 100% or as needed to get desired size. Note that it will probably be necessary to move pattern on copier bed to enlarge all of the sections of pattern. Registration marks on the pattern enable taping the sheets of paper together to form the enlarged pattern. OR, some copy places have a "blueprint printer" that can enlarge pieces up to 36" wide.)
2. Ask an adult to use X-ACTO® #1 Craft Knife* (with new blade) and cutting mat to cut out Body. (Hint: Score lightly at first and then press more firmly to cut deeper, with several passes of the knife. Replace blades often,) On second Foam Board™, similarly draw and cut out Head.
3. Ask an adult to use glue gun to attach Head to Body, positioning Head at a slant for a fun look. For cheeks, ask an adult to use serrated knife to cut two 1/2" thick slices (disks) from opposite sides of foam ball and glue to bottom of head (See Photo).
4. Cover work surface with newspapers. Use butter knife to liberally spread textured snow paint to cover Snowman head (including cheeks) and body. (Note: Make "swirls" in paint for added dimension.) Raise snowman up on bowls or scraps of foam board so that edges are off newspaper surface and also cover edges with snow paint, except straight bottom edge – leave that edge unpainted. With clean hands, position and press buttons into wet paint for eyes and down front of body. Let thoroughly dry a few days.
5. On back of Snowman, position small branches for arms. Use glue gun to attach. For added support, cut four 1" x 4" pieces Foam Board™ and hot glue, pressed tightly up against each side of each branch. (Note: Test strength of arms by putting gloves on ends of branches, remembering that kids will be doing this. If needed, use additional Foam Board™ strips and extra hot glue to hold.)
6. To create supports to hold Snowman upright, ask an adult to use X-ACTO® Knife to cut 8" square Foam Board™, then diagonally cut to make two triangles. To make snowman lean back slightly, use X-ACTO® Knife and ruler to cut a wedge off one triangle first: On one 8" side, measure up 2" on diagonal edge (from point) and mark. Draw a line from mark, back to right angle corner. Repeat with other triangle. Cut off and discard wedges.

Stand Snowman upright with flat bottom on floor. Ask an adult to use glue gun to attach 8" edge of both triangles, about 5" apart to back of Snowman, aligning bottom edges. For additional support, cut four 1" x 4" pieces Foam Board™ and glue to each side of triangle base pieces as you did with branches. (Note: If Snowman tips forward, an adult should carefully use X-ACTO® Knife to trim a little more off bottom of each triangle, so Snowman leans back further.)
7. For mouth, ask an adult to use glue gun to attach rick rack, trimming with scissors to fit. Ask an adult to use craft snips to diagonally trim stem off end of carrot and use glue gun to attach to face.
8. In a well-ventilated, newspaper-covered area, spray entire Snowman with clear acrylic spray. (Note: This will keep it clean and protect it from damp clothing.) Let thoroughly dry, then, when coming in from outdoors, dress Snowman with hat, scarf and gloves or mittens!

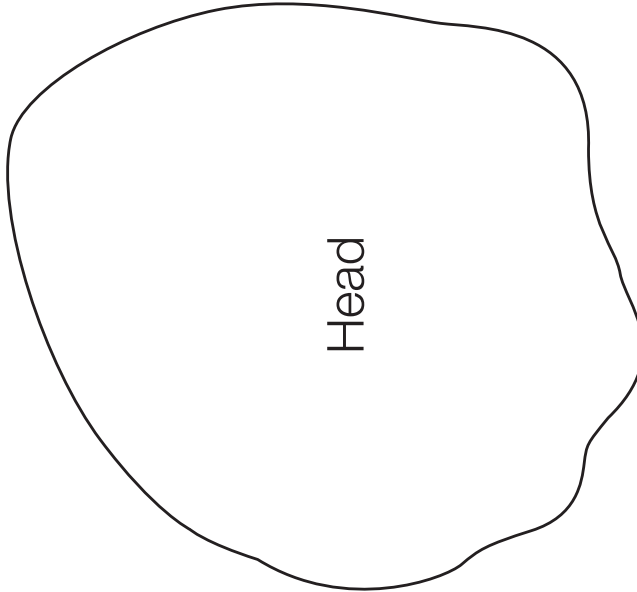
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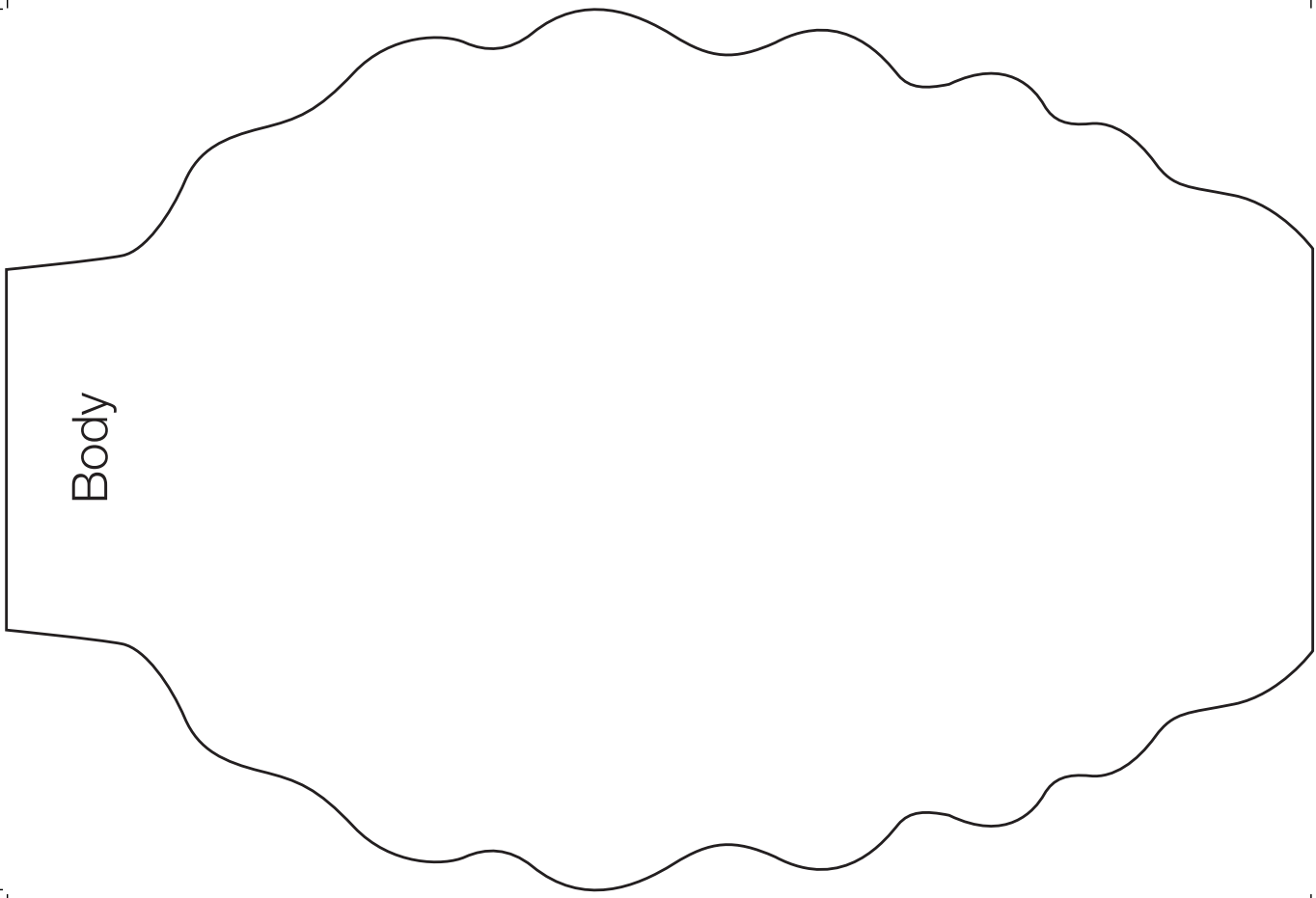
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Body