

Tiny Snowman Toy (To Fit Mini Stocking Ornament)

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*The Tiny Snowman toy
stitches completely in the 4"
hoop, except for a line of
stitching by hand or machine
to close the toy after stuffing.
He sews up in under 4
minutes.*

When stitched, the Snowman Toy measures approximately 1.8" x 3.1" (46 x 79 mm), and fits into any of the mini stocking ornaments the site.



You will need

- Two pieces of white felt approximately 3x4"
- A tiny amount of polyester fiber stuffing

Tiny Snowman Toy Instructions

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1. Hoop a single layer of Glad Press N Seal or regular cling wrap in the 4x4" hoop. If you prefer, you can also use a lightweight water soluble stabilizer. Whichever you choose, make sure it is snug in the hoop.



Note: Plastic wrap works well for this project, but if you prefer not to use it, choose a lightweight wash-away stabilizer instead.



You really want the lightest stabilizer you can find so the toy will be pliable enough that it can be stuffed when it's finished. Don't use tear-away or cut-away stabilizers, which tend to be too heavy and stiffen the toy too much. Having recently read that sturdy plastic bags can be used as stabilizer in some cases, I decided to try it for these tiny toys, and am happy to report that it worked well, at least for my machine. Although I am using Press N Seal in the photos, I now always use plastic bags for making the toys.

2. Select a piece of white felt approximately 3" x 4". Lay the felt on the sticky surface in the center of the hoop and press in place.



3. Place the hoop in the machine and stitch up to but not including the last color. The black outline will be trimmed away later.



4. Remove the hoop from the machine but do not unhoop the design. I used variegated thread to get the striped effect on the scarf – otherwise it sews as a single color.



5. Turn the hoop face down. You will be able to see the stitching clearly.



6. Lay a second piece of white felt on the back of the hoop so that it completely covers the stitching. Use masking tape to hold the felt in position on the back of the hoop, taping just the very edges of the felt piece.



7. Carefully return the hoop to the machine and stitch the final color. Then remove the hoop from the machine and unhoop the design.



8. Gently remove the plastic from around the stitched toy. It should tear away easily from around the stitching.

If you have used tulle, organza, or lightweight wash-away instead of the Press N Seal, you can simply trim it along with the felt in the next step.



9. Unhoop the design and trim around the Snowman with small sharp scissors. Work carefully, making as smooth a cut as you can, since this will be the outer edge of your toy.

As you trim, leave a border of no more than 1/8" around the stitching. Leave the segment around the bottom of the Snowman untrimmed for now, as shown at right.



10. The next step is to add a tiny bit of polyester stuffing to the toy, just enough to give it shape. I use the blunt end of a thin bamboo skewer as a stuffing tool.



11. Using tiny bits of polyester stuffing (about the size of a pea), work stuffing into the toy using the skewer. Fill the head first and then the belly, right to the bottom.



12. When the body of the toy has been filled, stitch the bottom closed by hand or machine, following the stitched outline. I like to use invisible (nylon) thread for this step.



13. Trim the excess felt away from around the bottom of the snowman, leaving no more than a 1/8" border.



11. The finished Snowman is just the right size to fit easily into one of the Mini Stocking ornaments.

