

# Snowman Sack Stocking

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My friend's kids grew up with these sack-style stockings that I made for them when they were little. I was thrilled when Kelly recently asked whether I'd be able to reproduce her beloved Snowman Sack for her own baby daughter.

The snowman is one of several such designs that I created decades ago when I was making toys regularly (check out my post from 18 September 2020 to see my discussion of the Santa version). It's been many years since I made one of these, so I had to reacquaint myself with the pattern and how it goes together, but I am pleased with the result. I hope Kelly – and Cassidy too – will be also.



To make the stocking, I assembled the front first: a layer of white fleece, a layer of light batting, and a layer of featherweight interfacing, held together with temporary spray adhesive and basted around the edge. I lightly quilted the portion of the

body that will be concealed beneath the sack when it's added, then stitched on black buttons to make the eyes and smiling mouth. I assembled and lightly stuffed the arms, and basted them in position along the side seam. Next, I completed the sack segment and added the drawstring, then basted it in place around the bottom of the Snowman. Finally, I made up the carrot nose and the bowtie, setting those aside for the moment.



Once the front was complete, I stitched it to the white backing, leaving the whole thing open at the top of the head. I turned it right side out through that opening, which is ultimately concealed beneath the hat, leaving no raw edges anywhere. Before adding the hat, I slipped the bowtie over the Snowman's head and tacked it in position around his neck. Then I stitched on the hat with its snowflake embellishment, and finally hand-stitched the carrot nose in place.

The fleece I used for the body is rather thick, so I used a plain white twill for the back of this Snowman. I chose this light blue print for the sack because of its snowman theme. The bits of red on the print are repeated in the red fleece mittens and the jaunty candy-cane stripe I used for the bowtie.

The sack is large enough to hold lots of gifts, but not so huge that it's tough for Santa to fill. Kelly has cherished her Snowman stocking for nearly three decades, and it's always meant Christmas to her. As I wrap up this one to send along to them, I can only wish the same for baby Cassidy, for whom the Snowman will be part of Christmas for years to come.

