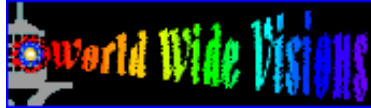


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 **Laurieann's Note**

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- # 1. Place a piece of invisible tape on the front and back of any paper, in the area you will need to place a hole. Then punch your hole and it will be reinforced.
- # 2. When working with glitter be sure you are working over a sheet of paper so you can collect the loose glitter that is tapped off. You can then either put it back in the color you are working from or begin a collection of all different colors and use it on a another project.
- # 3. You will find it easier to cut Styrofoam using a serrated edged knife and a sawing motion.



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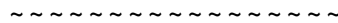


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## Snowman Centerpiece



### Materials:

- Styrofoam disk
- 6" Styrofoam ball
- 5" Styrofoam ball
- 4" Styrofoam ball
- 2 small twig branches

**Toothpicks**

**White craft glue**

**Two 1/2" black shank buttons or beads**

**1 piece blue felt**

**1 piece red felt**

**A small artificial carrot or small triangle of orange felt**

**Scissors**

**needle and thread**

**Holiday picks**

**Five 1/2" buttons**



**Instructions:**

**To prepare the Styrofoam balls to build your Snowman cut a rounded section from one side of your smallest ball. This will be the bottom of the head. On the center ball you will need to cut a small area to form a flat surface on both the top and bottom of the ball. On the largest ball you will need to cut both the top and the bottom forming a flat surface. This will make it easier to stack and glue the balls together forming your Snowman.**

**Center the 6" ball on the Styrofoam disk. Spread a circle of white craft glue on the disk and on the bottom of your 6" Styrofoam ball. Anchor it in place using at least three toothpicks. Dipping both ends of each toothpick in the glue, insert the toothpick half in the disk and half in the ball as your anchors.**

**Glue the 5" Styrofoam ball centered on the top of the 6" ball again using the toothpicks as anchors. Repeat with the 4" Styrofoam ball. Allow to dry thoroughly.**

**Glue the two black button eyes in place. Glue the carrot where the nose should be. If using felt roll the triangle to form a carrot shape and glue it in place. Cut a snippet of red felt to form his mouth and glue in place.**

**Trace the vest pattern on one piece of felt. Cut out and glue along the stitching lines. Glue any embellishments and decorate as you please.**

**With the second piece of felt cut a strip the full length by 3" wide and a second strip the full length and 2" wide. Fringe the two ends of the 2" wide strip and the full length of the 3" wide strip one inch deep. Apply glue to the "cap area" of the 4" ball and wrap the 3" strip around overlapping slightly at the base of the neck. Trim the length so there is just a slight overlap.**

**Gather the length where it is fringed with a needle and thread of the same color. Wrap the thread around the gathered bundle and tie off. This has formed a pompon on the top of the cap. Tie the long piece with the fringed end in a single knot around the neck for a scarf.**

**Place the vest on the 4" ball. Dip the end of each twig in glue and insert them through the armholes of the vest into the ball for his arms. Glue buttons down his front.**

**You can decorate the rest of the disk using batting and glitter, holiday picks or small gifts or party favors as you choose.**

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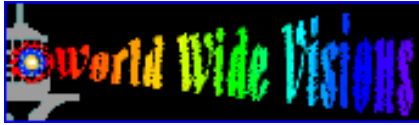
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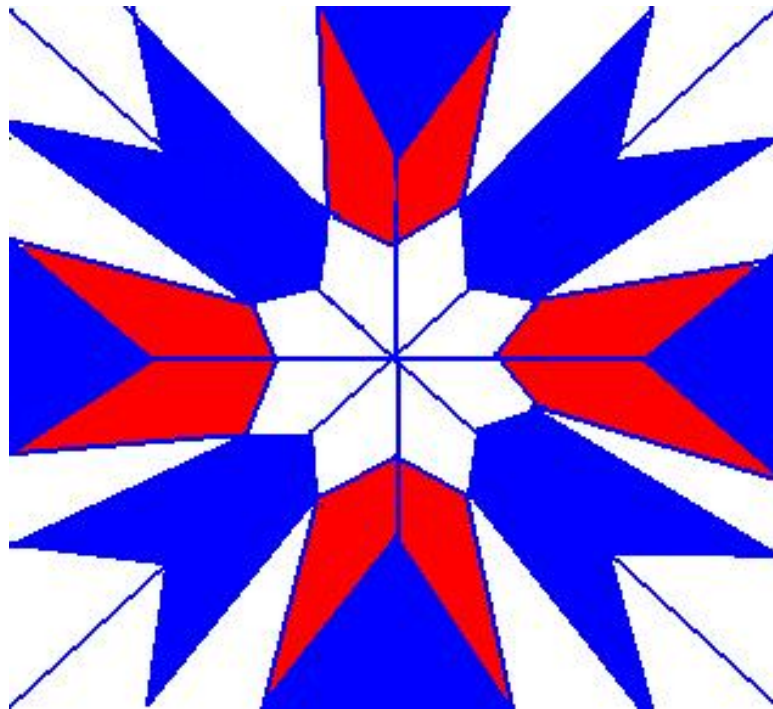


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## Sun Catcher

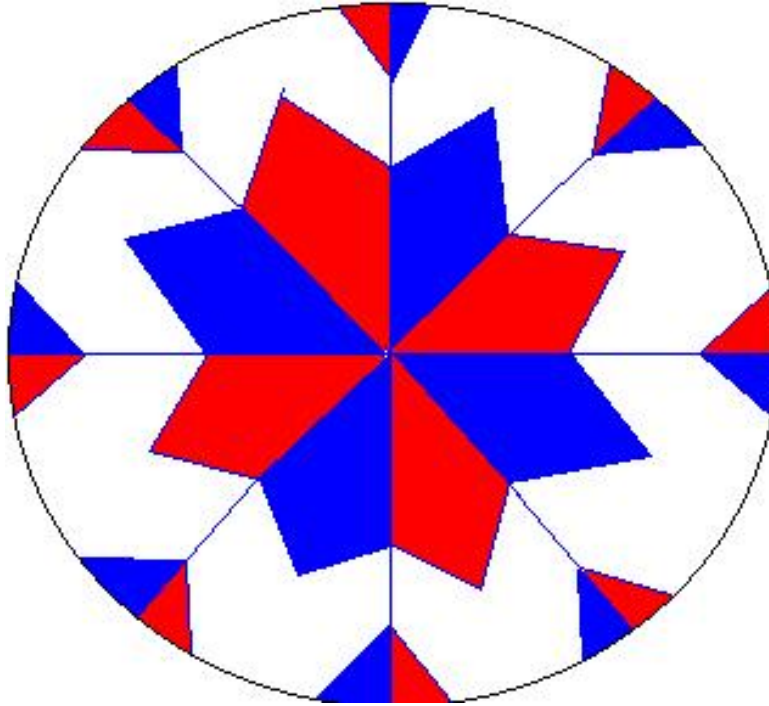


We show three designs that you may use for your sun catcher. In the project we used shrink plastic but did not shrink it. You can make these into ornaments by printing out the designs and reducing the size of each and then proceed as directed.

### Materials:

5-1/2" piece of stiff clear plastic or acrylic  
Red glitter  
Blue glitter  
Clear or white glitter  
White craft glue

**Black permanent Sharpie type pen**  
**Cotton swab**  
**6" to 8" piece of ribbon or cord for hanger**

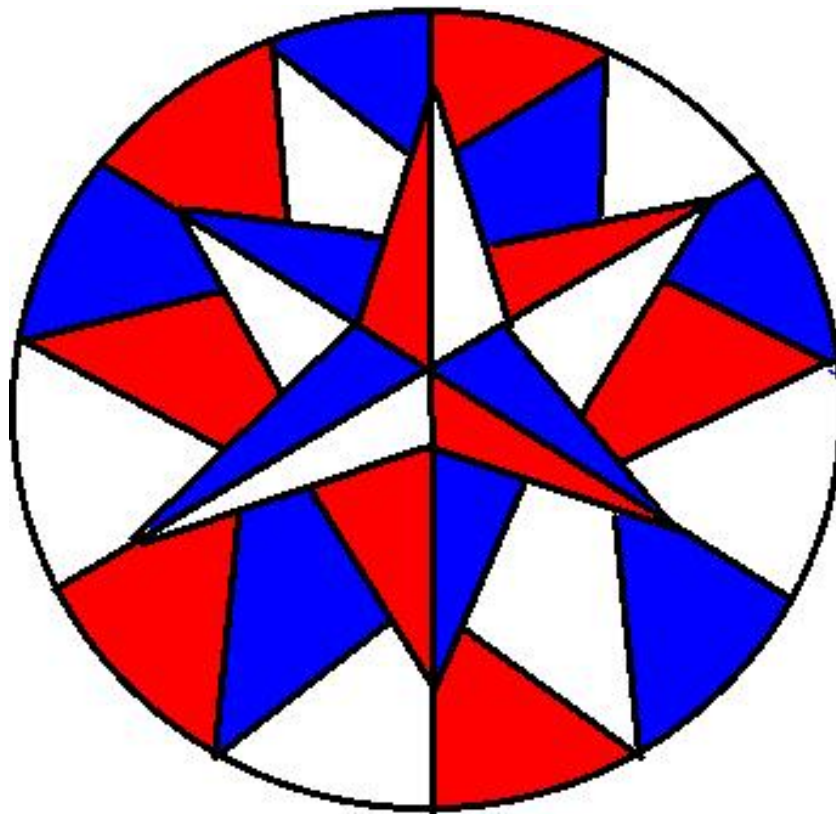


**Instructions:**

**Print out the picture pattern. Place your clear plastic over the pattern and trace all the black lines with the black permanent marker. Cut out the circle and place it over the pattern.**

**With the cotton swab spread white craft glue within the area that is colored white. Sprinkle with clear or white glitter and allow to dry completely. Tap off any loose glitter. Spread white craft glue within the area that is colored red. Sprinkle with red glitter and allow to dry completely. Tap off any loose glitter. Spread craft glue on the areas colored blue. Sprinkle with blue glitter. Allow to dry and tap off any loose glitter.**

**Punch a small hole 1/4" from the edge to add a hanger cord or ribbon.**



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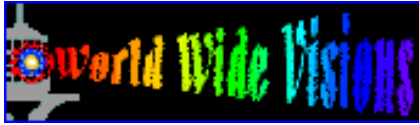
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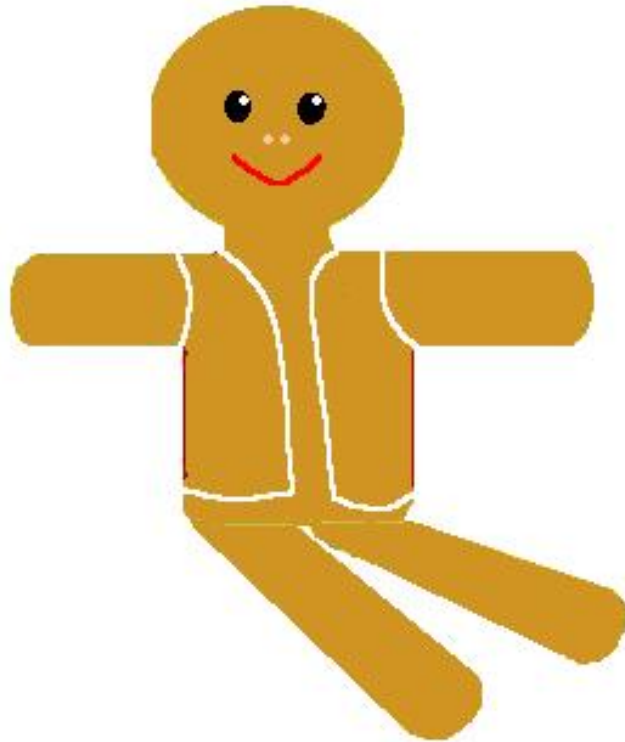


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## Gingerbread Doll



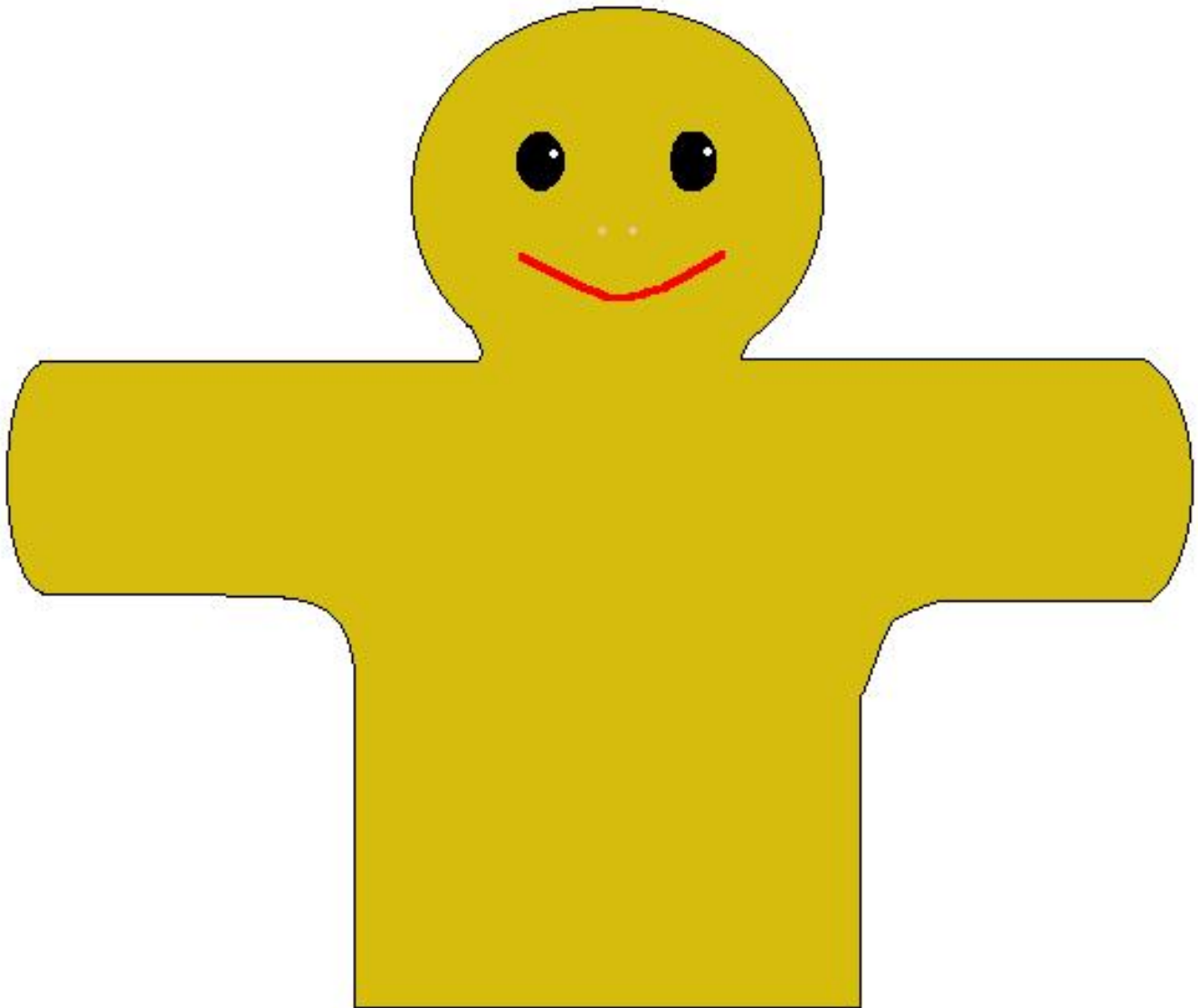
**This doll can be used as a child's toy if all is embroidered, including the eyes or as a pillow/decoration if using wiggle eyes, beads and other small trims.**

### **Materials:**

- 2 pieces of brown felt or fabric 9" X 12"**
- White rick rack**
- 2 buttons or wiggle eyes**
- Red embroidery floss for the mouth**

## Polyfil

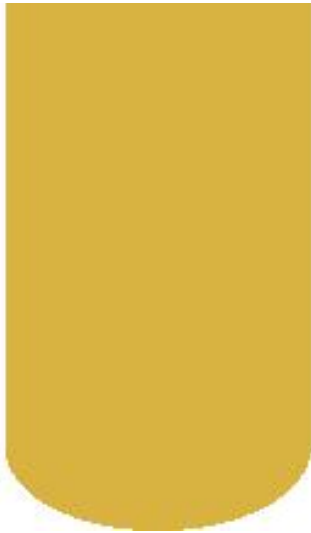
Option: Fabric for the clothing



### Instructions:

The pattern is a template. Add a 1/4" seam allowance all around. Trace the pattern onto the fabric of choice. You will need to cut two head and body pieces and 4 leg pieces. Sew leaving open at the bottom of the torso and the top of the leg pieces. Clip, turn and stuff lightly. Place the top of the legs even with the bottom of the torso with the feet extending toward the head. Catching only the front of the doll and the tops of both legs, stitch across the bottom of the doll.

Bring the legs down folding in the seam allowance and hand stitch the bottom back of the doll covering the leg attachment seam and closing the bottom of the doll.



**You can embroider the features, use buttons or wiggle eyes as you choose. The pattern of the vest can be made from rick rack or embroidered as you choose.**

**If you wish to dress the doll use the pattern for the snowman centerpiece vest and adjust to fit your doll. A simple dress can be made using the garland drawing as a guide.**

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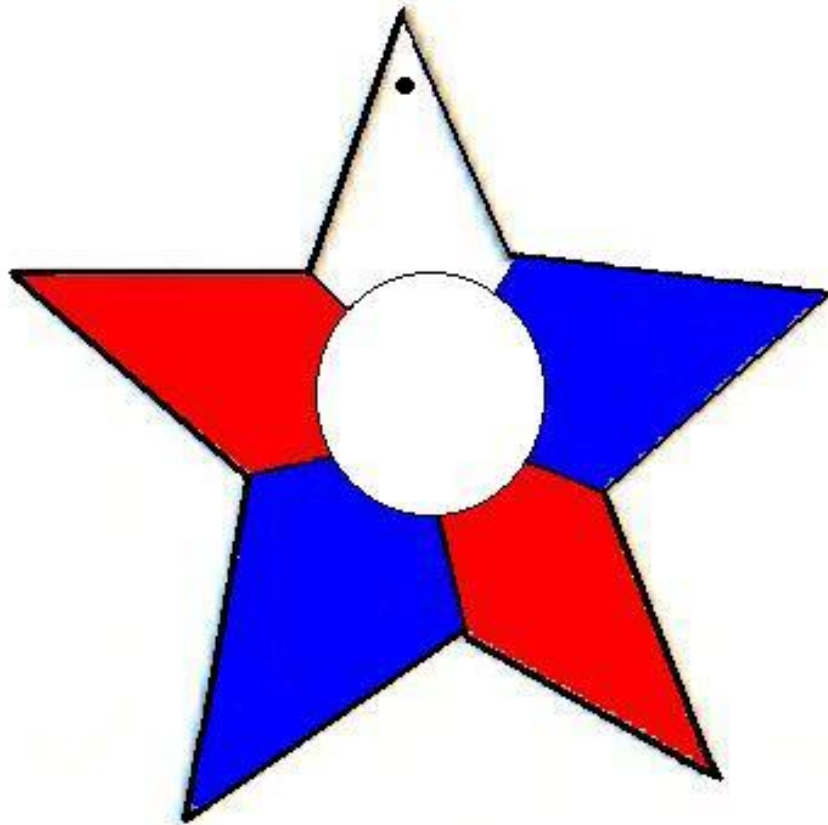


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## Star Ornament or Package Tie



We show the Star with a circle in the center for a picture but you can complete the lines so they meet in the center.

### Materials:

**Paper, Fun Foam or Felt (5" square)**  
**Craft glue**

**Red, White and Blue glitter**  
**Paint**  
**Hole punch**  
**Ribbon or cord hanger**  
**Option: Small school picture**

**Instructions:**

**Trace the star shape onto the material of your choice. Cut out and decorate the five points with the colored paint while still damp sprinkle with glitter and allow to dry. Turn over and spread white craft glue in a quilt type pattern. See the picture for an idea. Sprinkle glitter on the glue so it shows red, white and blue. Punch a hole in one point and place your cord or ribbon hanger through the hole and tie the two ends in a knot.**

**Option:**

**If this is a gift for a relative before you apply the glue and glitter glue your picture to the center of the star and carefully add glue to the area outside the picture then sprinkle glitter and allow to dry.**

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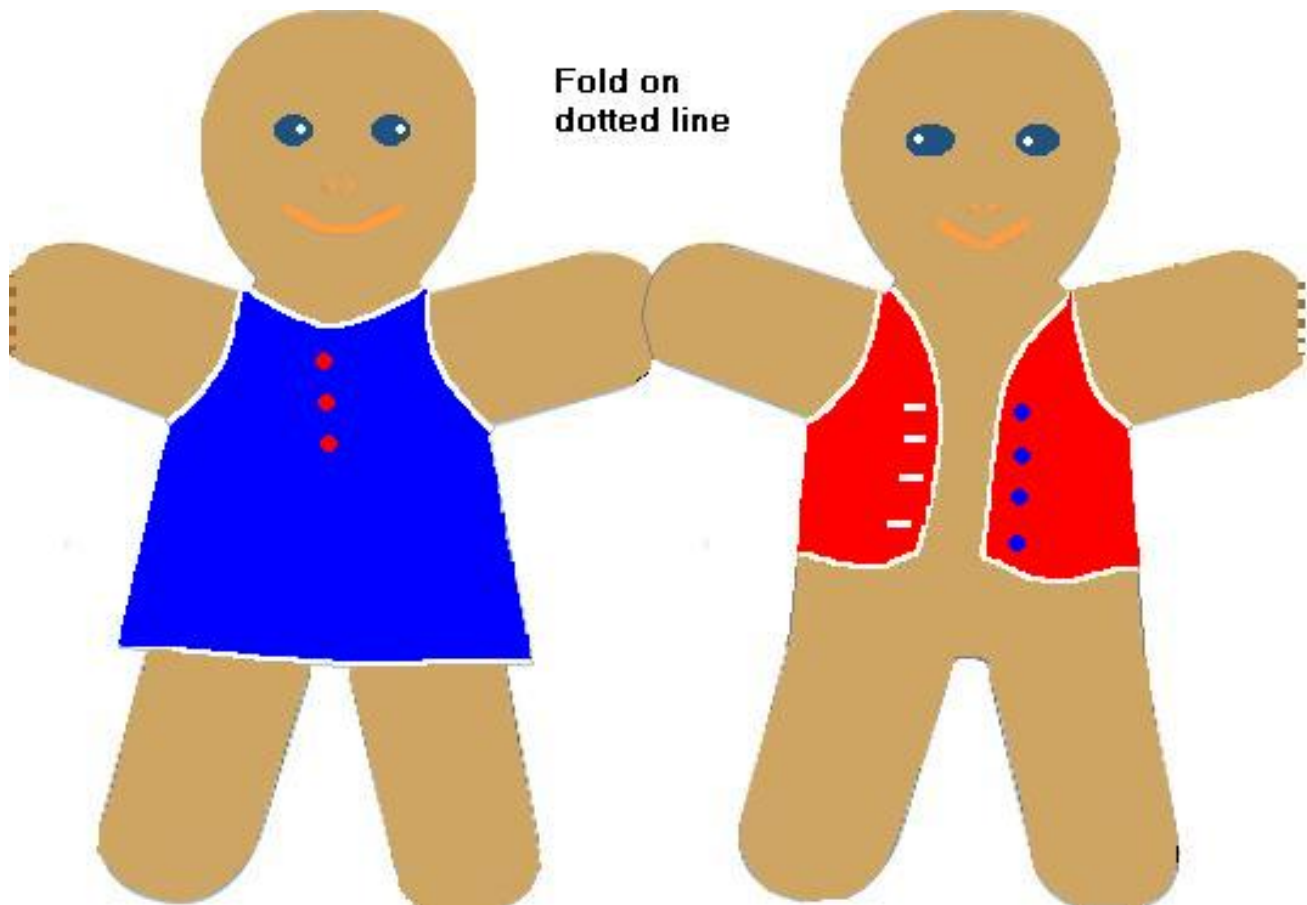


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## Gingerbread Kids Garland



The picture/pattern shows a Gingerbread Boy and a Gingerbread Girl. You can use both as shown or by using only one of the characters make your garland of all boys or all girls.

**Materials:**

**You will need a long strip of craft paper**

**Pencil**

**Scissors**

**Crayons, markers or paint in red, white, blue and black**

**Instructions:**

**Instructions:** Fold your paper the exact width of the Gingerbread Boy and Girl. The dotted line on the outside of the two figures should extend just beyond the fold. You want to accordion pleat (fold back and forth) your paper so it is just that size. Place the pattern over your folded paper and cut all around except DO NOT cut where the hands stick out. This is what makes a whole row of Gingerbread Boys and Girls.

After you have cut them out unfold the paper and decorate each Gingerbread person with paint, markers or crayons using the picture as your guide. Add glitter, beads, buttons, ribbons and trims of your choice if you like. If you need a longer garland than what you have paper for you can tape the Gingerbread Boys and Girls at the place where their hands would meet.

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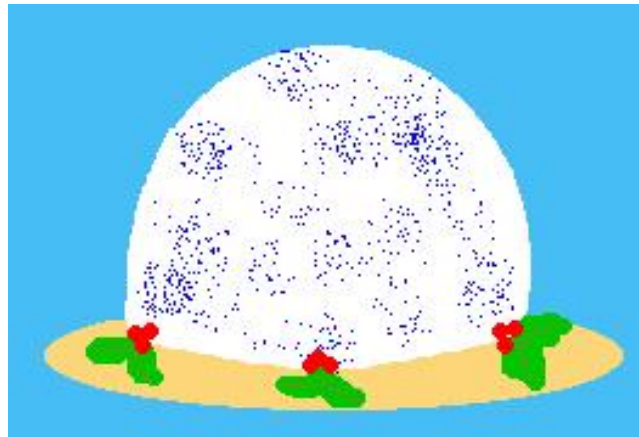


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## Snowball Cake



### Ingredients:

Cake mix, flavor of your choice  
2 cans of white icing  
Glass or metal bowl to bake the cake in  
Colored sugar or sprinkles  
Green gum drops cut in 10 leaf shapes  
15 red jelly beans or red M&M's

### Instructions:

Grease and sprinkle some of the cake mix in the bowl to prevent the cake from sticking. Prepare the cake according to the instructions on the box. Pour into the prepared bowl and bake using the longest amount of time on the package. Test for doneness by lightly depressing the center of the cake. It is done when the center springs back.

Turn the cake out onto a serving plate. Allow to cool thoroughly. Frost the entire outside with the prepared icing. Sprinkle with blue colored sugar or colored sprinkles. Arrange the

**gum drop leaves and red candy in groups of 2 leaves and 3 "berries" around the bottom edge of the cake.**

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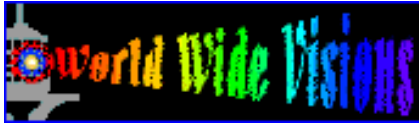
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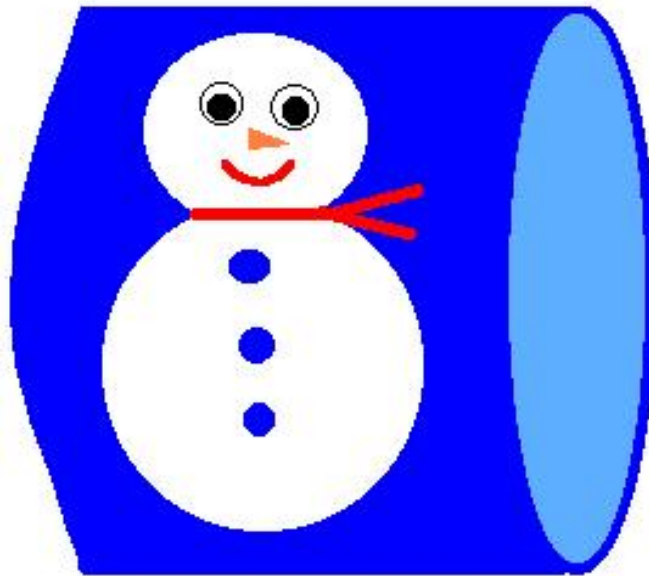


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## Snowman Napkin Ring



### Materials:

- One 1-1/2" or 2" white pompon
- A 1" white pompon
- A piece of blue felt 6" X 1"
- A piece of narrow red ribbon approximately 4" long
- White craft glue
- 2 tiny wiggle eyes
- Tiny triangle of orange felt or black bead for nose
- 3 blue beads

### Instructions:

**Wrap your blue felt and overlap a half inch gluing in place. Glue the smaller pompon on top of the larger pompon. Glue the two wiggle eyes on the smaller pompon. Glue a snippet of the red ribbon for a mouth and the orange felt triangle or black bead for his nose. Place the length of ribbon around the neck and tie in a single knot. Glue the blue beads down the front of the larger pompon for his buttons. Glue the Snowman on the felt covering the joint. Allow to dry completely. Use a red, white or blue napkin inserted through the loop.**

**You can write the name on the strips of felt with a permanent marker if using it as a place card.**

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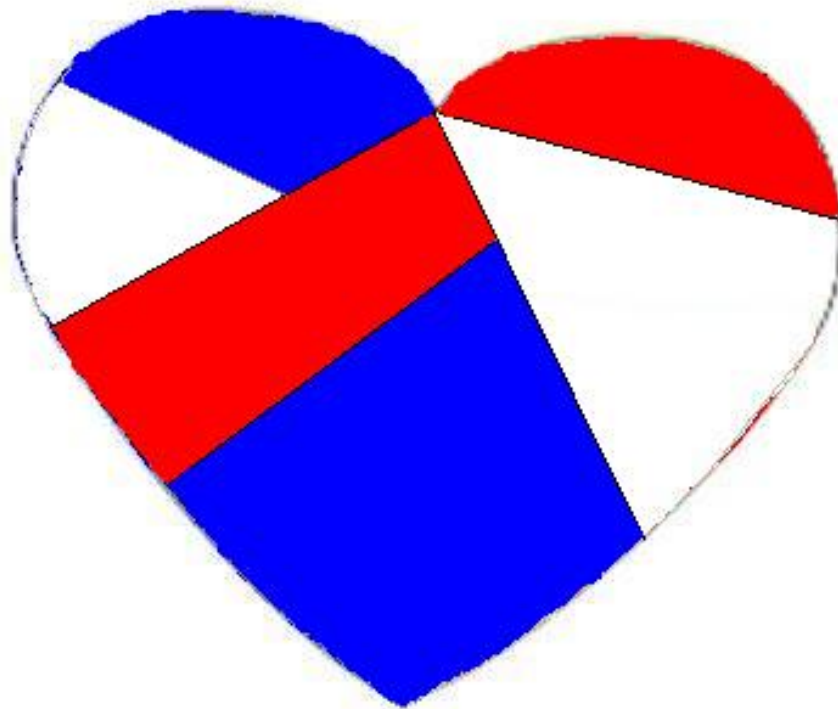


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## Heart Ornament



**In the German tradition the heart on your tree stands for True Love. The heart can be made all one color or it can be made following the picture as a patchwork design.**

### **Materials:**

**5" square of paper, cardstock, felt or Fun Foam in red, white or blue**  
**Red, white and blue paint**  
**Glitter**  
**White craft glue**  
**Ribbon or cord for hanger**

**Scissors**  
**Pencil**  
**Ruler**  
**Hole punch**

**Instructions:**

**Trace the picture pattern on your 5" square. Cut out the shape. Punch a small hole just below the dip at the top of the heart. If you are making patchwork hearts use your ruler to draw the lines both front and back. Paint the areas as you wish. Using the white glue draw the dividing lines and glitter them or glitter certain sections of your patchwork heart. Allow to dry and add a hanging ribbon or cord.**

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