

SNOWMAN CHRISTMAS DECORATION



Materials

Newspaper
Black card or paper
Flour and water paste
Copydex glue
Box of white tissues
White paint
Red and black gloss paint
Egg box
Cork
Stick or pencil
Gift ribbon
Tinsel

Method

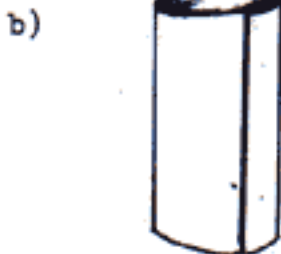
BODY

For the body, mix up a paste of flour and water until it's smooth and creamy. Use the paste to stick four or five large sheets of newspaper on top of each other.

Leave the paper flat to dry - preferably overnight in a warm room.

When the paper is dry, paint one side white. Any paint will do, and you don't need to be too fussy about covering up every little space on the paper. Again, leave the paper for a while to allow the paint to dry.

Once dry, put glue or double-sided sticky tape along one short edge of the paper and press it along the other short edge so that you have a paper tube.



Cut slits down from the top of the tube - about 10 cms long and about 5 cms apart (the measurements don't have to be exact.)



Bend each cut flap in towards the middle, gluing each section halfway over the next all the way round. This gives the shape for the shoulders.

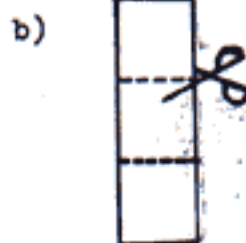
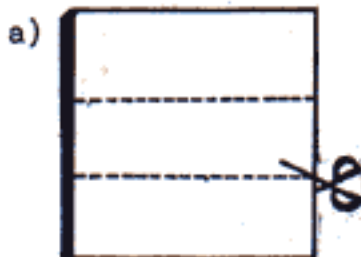


BODY COVERING

The 'snow' covering is made from ordinary white tissues. (You'll need about three-quarters of a box to cover this size snowman.)

Each tissue should be cut up into nine squares.

The quickest way to cut the squares is to lay five or six tissues flat on top of each other, smoothing them out carefully. Cut through all the thicknesses into three equal strips. Then lay the strips on top of each other and cut them into three again.



(Note: This is quite a long job so it is a good idea to cut the squares while you are waiting for the newspaper sheets to dry.)

Keep the squares of tissue in a double layer.

Gather up the centre of the square and give it a firm twist.

Dip the twisted part into glue and press the glued part on to the body.



Place the next tissue square just close enough to the first to cover the background. Continue in this way until the body is completely covered.

HEAD

Crumple up a sheet of newspaper into a ball shape.

Cover it with more sheets of newspaper until it is large enough for the head. (Ours measured about 55 cms around).

Crumple the ends of the final sheet of paper into a kind of handle, and secure it with sticky tape.

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Paint the head white and cover it with tissues in exactly the same way as you did for the body.

Leave the handle part uncovered because it won't show.



FACE

For the snowman's eyes, nose and buttons paint the underside sections of an egg box, using gloss paint. Paint five sections black and one section red.



Leave the sections to dry thoroughly before you cut them out.

Push the tissues apart a bit to make spaces to glue on the features.

The mouth is cut out of black paper or card. Make a small hole in the mouth for the pipe to go through.



The pipe is made from a cork with a pointed stick or pencil pushed into it for the stem. (You can make the point with a pencil sharpener.) Paint the pipe black.



Glue the mouth into position and push in the pipe. (You might need a dab of glue to hold it in place.)

Push the 'handle' part of the head into the top of the body.

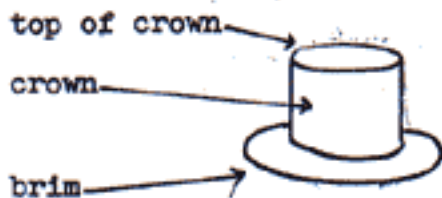
If you like you can glue it in place, but it is quite a good idea to leave it loose so that you can store it inside the body when you pack the snowman away until next Christmas.

Glue on the egg-box buttons down his front.



HAT

The hat is made up in 3 sections and is cut out of black card or paper.



For the crown, cut a strip of black card slightly higher than you want the finished hat to be.

Fold over the spare card along one edge and snip at intervals along the folded edge.



Bend the card around to form a tube shape and glue the two short sides together.

Cut out a circle of black card to fit the top of the crown - you could probably use a saucer or a small plate to draw round.

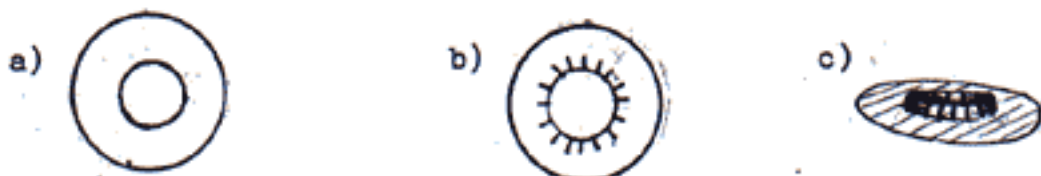


Spread the glue around the edge of the circle you have cut and fix it to the snipped edges of the crown.

For the brim, cut out a large circle of black card - you could use a dinner plate as a pattern to draw round.

Cut a circle out of the centre of this - slightly smaller than the one for the crown.

Snip all round the inside of the brim.



Bend up the snipped sections.

Spread glue inside the bottom of the crown and place it over the brim to stick it in place.

We trimmed the hat with gift ribbon and a piece of holly.



For a finishing touch you can wrap a length of tinsel round the neck of your snowman as a scarf. (To make a thicker scarf you could plait three strands of tinsel together.)

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If you prefer you could make a larger snowman by using six layers of three large sheets of newspaper. For the buttons use polystyrene apple tray sections.

Or

You might like to make a smaller snowman for a table decoration. This one is made from four layers of a single size sheet from the Radio Times.