

Let It Snow, Man!

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Of all the winter sports, ice skating and sledding are two old favorites. Frosty knows his shape will never allow him to be a figure skater, so he enjoys pulling his little friend Flake around the pond.

Fabric suggestions:

Background - a winter sky - 13" x 8 1/2"

- snow, 13" x 4 1/2"
- an icy pond 13" x

6"

White for Frosty and Flake

3 Greens for the trees

Scraps of your choice for hats, vest, boots & sled

Other items :

Fusible web

Fabric Markers

Embroidery Floss



Designer's Notes:

Reverse all templates for use with fusible web. Add 1/4" seam allowance to all templates for hand appliqué'. I used the 'donut' method with the fusible web. Tracing the design onto the paper side of the web and then drawing another line 1/4" **inside** that traced line and cutting away the inner portion of the web. This eliminates much of the stiffness of using fusible web. It takes a little care when pressing down the web to keep everything smooth, especially with the larger pieces.

I used machine blanket stitch, matching the thread color to the fabric, to secure the edges after I fused everything in place.


Frosty's carrot nose is made with an orange fabric marker and his eye is done with a black marker. Flake's arm and face are done

with markers. I embroidered the rope pulling the sled with yellow floss using a chain stitch and the blades of Frosty's skates in black with a stem stitch, but they could be done with markers. The snowflakes on the trees and Frosty's hat are embroidered with a thread by Caron™ called "snow".

Instructions:

1. Assemble background. I used a curved piecing method I saw on SQ to make the background. Please see the templates page for detailed instructions.
2. Position the trees and secure in place. Layer Frosty in place, putting his left leg and arm behind his body. Add his hat and vest and put his right arm on top of the vest. Put on his skates. Position the sled so the rope from Frosty's arm will look comfortable pulling it. Slip Flake under the sled and put his hat on him.
4. Blanket stitch to secure fused fabric edges.
5. Using markers or embroider floss, add the rope, Frosty's skates, and faces to Frosty and Flake.

Remember, this is your block. Make whatever changes you want. Maybe Frosty could have a little child in the sled, or a teddy bear, or a bunny.

**It's January, it's cold... Well here in Wisconsin it is.
Have a cup of hot cocoa, think warm thoughts, and admire 
your work!**