

Happy Winter Snowman Pillow

Designed as a companion to the Happy Winter Snowman Quilt, this comfy pillow features five of the snowman blocks from the quilt. It uses most of the same fabrics as the quilt (but not the same quantities), so refer to the fabric swatches in **Fig A** of the quilt instructions.

Materials

- Fabric 2: 10in (25.4cm) square Pen Stripe light blue (130032)
- Fabric 3: 12in (30.5cm) square Pen Stripe grey (130033)
- Fabric 4: 5in (12.7cm) square Paint Dots pink (130034)
- Fabric 5: 10in (25.4cm) square Paint Dots light blue (130035)
- Fabric 7: 5in (12.7cm) square Tiny Star pink (130037)
- Fabric 8: 5in (12.7cm) square Tiny Star light blue (130038)
- Fabric 9: 12in (30.5cm) square Tiny Star grey (130039)
- Fabric 10: 5in (12.7cm) square Crisscross pink (130040)
- Fabric 11: 10in (25.4cm) square Crisscross light blue (130041)
- Fabric 12: 12in (30.5cm) square Crisscross grey (130042)
- Fabric 14: 10in (25.4cm) square Dotty Dots light blue (130044)
- Fabric 15: 12in (30.5cm) square Dotty Dots grey (130045)
- Fabric 17: 10in (25.4cm) square Tiny Dots light blue (130047)
- Fabric 18: 12in (30.5cm) square Tiny Dots grey (130048)
- Fabric 19: 1/2yd (50cm) Solid lupine (120013)
- Wadding (batting) 42in x 22in (106.7cm x 56cm)
- Lining fabric 42in x 22in (106.7cm x 56cm) (optional)
- Fabric for back of cushion, two pieces 25in x 18in (63.5cm x 45.7cm)
- Binding fabric ¹/₄yd (25cm) Pen Stripe pink (130031)
- Black stranded embroidery cotton (floss) for embroidering eyes
- One packet of Tilda buttons ½in (15mm) diameter (400010) 9 buttons
- Removable fabric marker
- Piecing and quilting threads
- Quilter's ruler, rotary cutter and mat

Finished size

38in x 18in (96.5cm x 45.7cm)

Notes

- Fabric quantities given are based on a usable width of 42in (107cm)
- Measurements are in imperial inches with metric conversions in brackets use only *one* system throughout (preferably imperial)
- Press fabrics before cutting
- Use ¼in (6mm) seams unless otherwise instructed
- Read all the instructions through before you start

Cutting Out

1 From Fabric 19 (Solid lupine) for sashing, cut two strips 2in x 38in (5.1cm x 196.5cm).

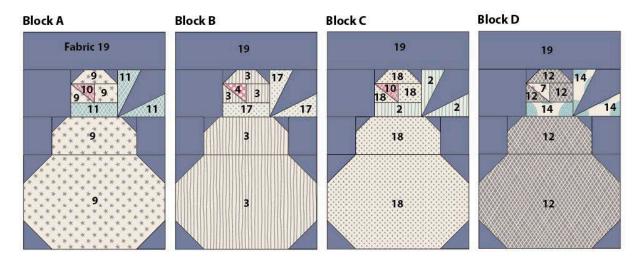
2 From Fabric 19 for the block backgrounds, cut the following pieces (seam allowances are included). (Refer also to **Fig** C and **Fig** J of the quilt instructions.)

- For small snowmen piece $\mathbf{a} 8 \text{in } \times 2\frac{1}{2} \text{in } (20.3 \text{cm } \times 6.4 \text{cm})$. Cut 4.
- For all snowmen piece \mathbf{b} 3in (7.6cm) square. Cut 5.
- For all snowmen piece $\mathbf{d} 1\frac{1}{4}$ in (3.2cm) square. Cut 10.
- For all snowmen piece h 3in (7.6cm) square. Cut 5.
- For small snowman piece $k 2in \times 2\frac{1}{2}in$ (5.1cm x 6.4cm). Cut 8.
- For large snowman piece $k 2in \times 3in (5.1cm \times 7.6cm)$. Cut 2.
- For all snowmen piece $\mathbf{m} 1\frac{1}{4}$ in (3.2cm) square. Cut 10.
- For all snowmen piece \mathbf{o} 2in (5.1cm) square. Cut 20.
- **3** From Fabric 19 for the pieced squares rows, cut twenty-four 2in (5.1cm) squares.
- **4** From each of Fabric 2, 5, 8, 11 and 17, for the pieced squares border, cut four 2in (5.1cm) squares. From Fabric 14 cut six squares.
- 5 For the print fabrics, the exact measurements for cutting out the pieces for the blocks are given in the quilt instructions and relevant diagrams see in particular quilt diagrams Fig C and Fig J.
- **6** From the binding fabric cut three $2\frac{1}{2}$ in (6.4cm) x width of fabric strips. Sew together into one long length, press seams open and prepare as a double-fold binding.

Making the Patchwork

7 To make the small snowman blocks follow the quilt instructions (Steps 8 to 19), making one each of small snowman A, B, C and D. **Fig A** here shows the fabrics to use for the small snowmen blocks in the pillow. The numbers indicate which fabrics to use (see quilt fabric swatches diagram).

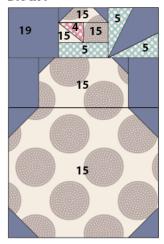
Fig A Small snowman block colourways Numbers indicate fabrics used. Make 1 of each block



8 To make a large snowman block F follow the quilt instructions (Steps 20 to 24). **Fig B** here shows the fabrics to use for the large snowman in the pillow.

Fig B Large snowman block colourway Make 1 block

Block F



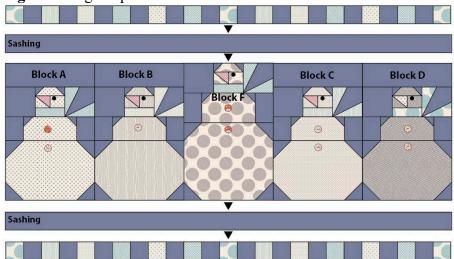
- **9** Once made, sew the snowmen blocks together into a row, in the order A, B, F, C and D and then press.
- 10 For a pieced border row, lay out the 2in (5.1cm) squares as shown in Fig C here, alternating the blue squares with the print squares. Sew together and press. Repeat to make a second row.

Fig C Making the pieced square rows Numbers indicate fabrics used Make 2 rows



11 To assemble the patchwork, lay out the rows of the pillow as shown in $Fig\ D$, with a long sashing strip above and below the snowman row. Sew the rows together and press.

Fig D Joining the pillow rows



Quilting and Making Up

12 Make a quilt sandwich of the patchwork, wadding (batting) and lining fabric (if using). Quilt as desired. Trim excess wadding and lining to match the patchwork size.

- 13 Embroider an eye on each snowman using six strands of black embroidery cotton (floss) and French knots, winding the thread around the needle twice. Using matching sewing thread, sew the buttons onto the snowmen.
- 14 To make up the pillow cover, on both pieces of fabric for the pillow back, create a hem along one short side of each piece, by turning the edge over by ½in (1.3cm), twice. Sew the seam with matching thread and press.
- 15 The pillow has a bound edge, so the pieces are assembled with right sides *out*, as follows. Place the quilted patchwork right side down. Pin one backing piece on top, right side up and with the hem towards the centre. Pin the second backing piece on top, right side up and with the hem towards the centre (so the backing pieces overlap). Make sure the outer edges of all three pieces are aligned. Pin the layers together and then bind as normal. As you sew the binding in place it will fix the other layers together. Press the cover and insert a pillow pad to finish.

