

Snow Days

16 ½" x 16 ½" • #606

Materials:

- ¼ yard tan for blocks and inner border
- 6" square each of nine assorted dark prints for blocks
- ½ yard tonal print for outer border
- Lightweight fusible web
- Wools: 9" x 9" white 3 ½" x 3 ½" red
3 ½" x 3 ½" blue 3" x 3" brown
1 ½" x 4" gold 1 ½" x 1 ½" green
1" x 2" black
- Embroidery floss or pearl cotton to match wools plus a bit of orange for the snowman noses
- At least 18" square lightweight cotton batting
- Fat-quarter for backing
- ⅛ yard tonal for binding

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A Few Basics:

- Iron all fabrics before cutting them. A light spray starch such as Best Press or Magic Sizing will help remove wrinkles and make cutting and piecing easier.
- Use an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam throughout. This seam allowance is included in the sizes given for cutting.
- Press seams as you sew to keep work neat and make seam matching easier.

Cutting:

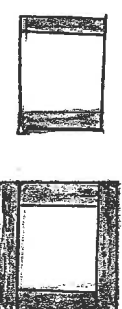
- Tan: Cut (1) $3\frac{1}{2}$ " strip. Subcut (9) $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.
Cut (2) 1" strips.
- Dark Prints: From each of the 6" squares, cut (4) 1" x approximately 6" strips. Subcut (2) 1" x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " strips and (2) 1" x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " strips.
- Outer Border Fabric: Cut (2) 2" strips.
- Binding Fabric: Cut (2) 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " strips.

Make the Blocks:

Sew the 1" x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " dark print strips to the sides of the $3\frac{1}{2}$ " tan squares. Press seams out.

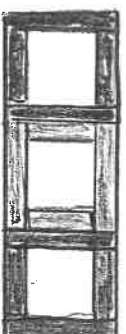
Sew the 1" x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " dark print strips to the top and bottom of blocks. Press seams out.

Make a total of nine blocks and square up to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Assemble Quilt:

Arrange the nine blocks just made into three rows of three blocks each. When blocks are in desired order, give every other block a quarter turn so you won't have to match seams.



Sew blocks into rows pressing seams open.

Sew rows together and press seams open.

Measure quilt through the middle from top to bottom and cut the side inner borders (the 1" tan strips) to that length. Sew to quilt and press seams out.

Measure quilt through the middle from side to side (including borders just added) and cut the top and bottom inner borders to that length. Sew to quilt and press seams out.

Add the outer border (the 2" strips) in the same manner as the inner border.

The Handwork:

Trace the wool shapes onto the paper side of fusible web. Cut out shapes just outside the traced lines and iron onto wool. Cut out shapes on the traced lines and remove the paper backing. Iron shapes onto quilt.

I used a size 12 pearl cotton to do the stitching on my quilt so that's what I'll refer to in the following instructions. This is a personal choice, however. I frequently use two strands of embroidery floss for the stitching. (Use what you have or what you like to work with).

For the houses, blanket stitch around the shapes with matching pearl cotton, except for the windows. There I simply used black straight stitches to make the windowpane divisions. Make a French knot on each door for the doorknob.

For the snowmen, blanket stitch around the shapes with matching pearl cotton.

Add the details:

Black backstitches for the earmuff wire

Black French knots for the eyes

Tiny black backstitches for the mouths

Black French knots or cross stitches for the buttons

A few orange straight stitches for the noses

Brown backstitches for the stick arms

Finishing:

When all the hand stitching is complete, layer quilt with the batting and backing. Pin or bast layers together. Quilt as desired. Here's how I quilted mine:

1. I used hand quilting thread to stitch in the ditch between the blocks and all around the outside edge of blocks.
2. I also used hand quilting thread to quilt a line just inside the outer seam of the inner tan border.
3. I used black pearl cotton to quilt (simply a running stitch) around the outside edge of each block, except where the snow is on the ground. (See photo)
4. Use ivory pearl cotton to quilt swirling snow in the outer border and sprinkle in random snowflakes. A sample is shown below but once you get going, it's easy to free hand.

When quilting is complete, finish with a single-fold binding, using the 1 1/2" strips.

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