

**Snowman Face Appliqué Rag Quilt Pattern 006**  
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Please read all pattern instructions and my eight page Rag Quilting Basics BEFORE beginning your rag quilt project. You can download the Basics at no extra charge from the website above. The Basics are based upon my experience with rag quilting that help you find short cuts that will make your rag quilting experience easier—especially if this is a new area of crafting for you. Refer to the Rag Quilting Basics if you have any questions. Of course, if you cannot find the answers in the Basics, feel free to email us with your questions. Your finished quilt should be about 54” X 54”. However, we all quilt differently so your quilt may be smaller or larger because of this. You can find out how to make smaller and larger quilts by reading the **Machine Sewing, Quilting, Trimming, & Clipping** section of the Basics. Look for the HINTS. Enjoy!

Due to the fact that buttons are used for the eyes on this quilt, DO NOT use nor display this quilt around children who are still placing things in their mouths.



## Supplies

- 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  yards cotton snowman print = 1
- $\frac{3}{4}$  yard of coordinating homespun checks = 2
- $\frac{3}{4}$  yard coordinating homespun plaid = 3
- 13 Scraps (at least 8" x 8") of 4 or 5 other coordinating homespuns = A for appliqué
- $\frac{3}{4}$  yard tone on tone white cotton print (snowflakes?) to cut face appliqués from
- 3 yards ivory or cream flannel for backing
- Full size bag of batting
- 600 yards of cream All Purpose thread
- 300 yards white All Purpose thread
- Cutting & tracing tools: See Basics
- 1 skein of black 6 ply embroidery floss
- 1 skein of orange 6 ply embroidery floss
- embroidery needle
- 26 buttons for eyes
- 8 Row tags

## Cutting fabric and batting for quilt

- Cut all fabric into 8" X 8" squares
- Cut 32 squares from fabric 1
- Cut 10 squares from fabric 2
- Cut 10 squares from fabric 3
- Cut 12 squares from fabric A. You will attach your snowman face appliqués to these.
- Cut 64 squares from the flannel backing
- Cut 64 squares from batting according to the style rag quilt you will make. See **Different Rag Quilting Techniques** in The Basics.
- Trace and cut 12 snowman face appliqués from the tone on tone white fabric using the face pattern provided. Remember to double your fabric so you'll have 2 faces per appliqué. This adds fullness after you snip.

## Appliquing & Quilting

Set out the front fabrics—1,2,3,A---according to the layout provided below. Place row tags on the 1<sup>st</sup> square in each row. You will have 8 rows of 8. Behind each front fabric, place the batting behind it, then the flannel behind it. Be sure the right sides are facing outward. The right sides are the print side of the cotton and the fuzzy side of the flannel. Pin each stack of squares (front, batting, flannel) together using 2 pins, one at the top and one at the bottom of each stack.

Do not make the faces exactly alike. The slight differences add to the primitive charm of this quilt.

When you hand stitch the mouth, nose and button eyes onto the faces, **remove** the flannel backing first and pin the faces onto Fabric A & the batting pieces so that they will be closely centered. Cut each piece of floss about 18” long. Use 3 of the 6 strands to embroider—or stitch--the mouth (black) and nose (orange) on. Use 3 strands of black floss to sew on the eyes. Use a primitive running stitch for the mouth and a random back and forth stitch (I call it primitive satin stitch) for the nose. Be sure to keep the satin stitch tight without puckering the fabric. When each face is finished, pin the flannel on the back again.

Use white thread to sew around the face appliqués. One 300 yard spool will be enough to sew on the faces.

Quilt the traditional X or other quilt pattern of your choice onto the other squares.

### **Making the rows**

Sew the top 8 squares together to form the top row. Continue with the remaining 7 rows. Then connect the rows by lining up the seams of the squares in each row. Remember to keep all edges trimmed of excess batting and fabric. Clip after all the rows are together. Don't forget to clip your appliqués. Refer to the **Machine Sewing, Quilting, Trimming, & Clipping** in the Basics if necessary.

### **Washing and Drying**

Because of the loose weave of the satin stitched nose combined with the button eyes, wash the quilt so the front side faces outward. This should prevent the eyes from becoming tangled with the nose. Dry the same way and check periodically to be sure the eyes aren't tangled with the nose due to the tumbling. This is the way I washed and dried the one I made and it came out perfectly. Wash your quilt on the gentle cycle in cold water. Dry on the lowest setting. Refer to the Basics for additional instructions for the lint and shedding this will create and how to handle it. If you want, you can wait and wash with your pillow (before stuffing).

## Matching Appliqué Pillow



- Cut one 8" X 8" square from fabric A. Cut another from Fabric 1. These will become the front and back sides of the pillow.
- Cut two 3" X 8" homespun pieces to coordinate with Fabric A. Cut 2 more to coordinate with Fabric 1.
- Cut four 3" X 11" pieces from the same coordinating pieces above for the side strips of Fabric A and Fabric 1.
- Sew the 3" X 8" pieces (running lengthwise from left to right) on the top and bottom of the correct 8" X 8" square. Sew in a rag quilt fashion.
- Sew the 3" X 11" strips to the correct side sections. Sew in the rag quilt fashion.
- Cut a piece of batting the same size as the front piece.
- Cut a snowman face from the tone on tone fabric. Follow the same stitching and appliqué procedure from the rag quilt instructions above.
- Place right sides together and sew around the pillow. Leave a 2"-3" opening on the bottom for turning and stuffing. OR you may choose to sew wrong sides together in the rag quilt fashion. You still need to leave an opening on the bottom for stuffing.
- Clip and wash
- Stuff with polyester fiberfill and sew opening closed
- If you choose not to wash, then go ahead and stuff, sew opening closed, and use a clean, soft bristle toothbrush to rub across the clipped edges over a waste basket or trash can to fray them.

Congratulations! You have a new homemade appliqué rag quilt and matching pillow. Thanks so much for using our pattern. If you have any questions, please email us at the address given above. Please do not resell our patterns without permission. If you desire to sell our e-patterns from your website, email me so we can work out an agreement. Please do not share our patterns. Our patterns are very affordable so that everyone can purchase them. If you use our patterns to produce items to sell, we would appreciate receiving credit for the design. Thanks for purchasing our patterns.

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Layout

1	2	1	A	1	3	1	A
2	1	3	1	A	1	2	1
1	3	1	2	1	A	1	3
A	1	2	1	3	1	A	1
1	A	1	3	1	2	1	A
3	1	A	1	2	1	3	1
1	2	1	A	1	3	1	2
A	1	3	1	A	1	2	1

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