

Things You'll Be A Needin'

- 1/4 Yard Muslin
- Scrap Homespun (Hat)
- 2- 1/4" Black Buttons
- Misc. Small Buttons
- Scrap Homespun (Stars)
- Fiberfil Stuffing
- Disappearing Marker
- Long Doll Needle
- DMC Floss - (Black, Orange, Green, Brown, Red)
- Acrylic Paint - Barn Red
- Tea Stain Mix

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Primitive Doll and Folk Art Patterns



#248 Feather Tree Snowman

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- * Read all instructions thoroughly and assemble all the materials you will need before beginning.
- * 1/4" seam allowance is not included on most pattern pieces. Tracing line is sewing line unless otherwise indicated. Refer to pattern.
- * You may coffee stain your fabric before beginning your project or after. (or both!)

TECHNIQUES FOR PRIMIN' IT

Tea Stain Mix

- * Mix approx. 1/4 cup instant tea with 1 cup water plus a pinch of vanilla extract. You may even add a hint of cinnamon to the mixture. You may apply this with a sponge brush or squirt bottle.

Bakin' Your Prims

- * Some people like to bake their projects in the oven to "age" them a bit. If you choose to do this after tea staining PLEASE WATCH IT CLOSELY! Slow dry your project in a warm 180 degree oven with the door left ajar just slightly. Turn your prim every so often to prevent scorching and allow it to dry evenly.

Sanding

- * The key to the prim look is careful sanding of your project. I use fine sandpaper. Medium is ok, just be careful, you don't want to sand straight through the fabric. Sand lightly all over. A little more in areas that would naturally show more age. Afterwards, you may rub lightly with cinnamon to "grubby" it up even more. Makes it smell good too!

Makin' a Prim Tag

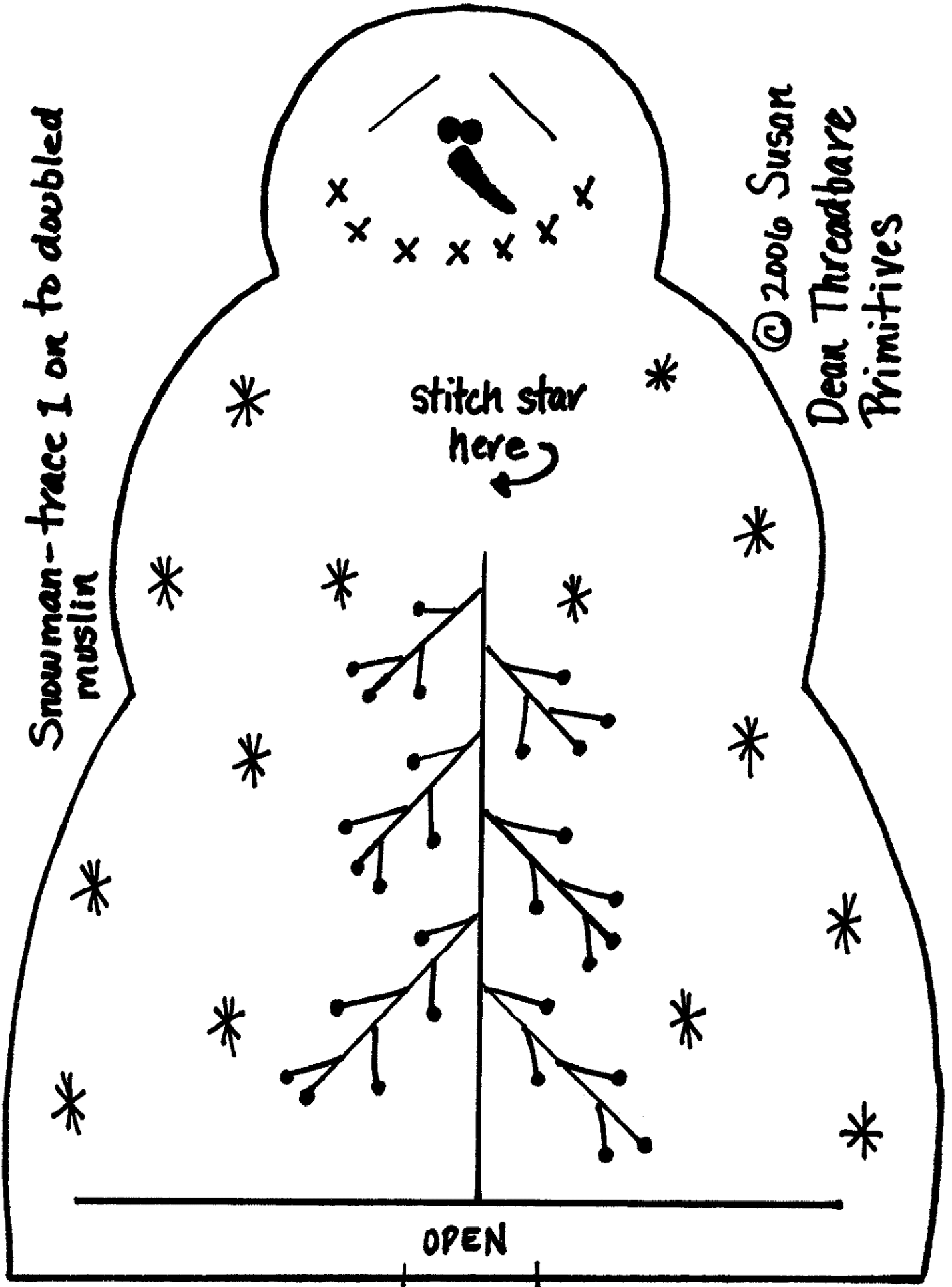
- * Spray or brush tea mix on tags, bake in oven at 180 degrees until dry. After they cool add your favorite prim saying.

*Makin' Your Snowman

Trace 1 snowman onto doubled muslin. Tracing line is sewing line. With right sides together, sew all the way around the snowman on the traced line, leaving open where indicated on pattern. Trim excess. Now turn right side out and stuff firmly. Sew opening closed. Spray snowman with tea stain mix and let dry. For the dolls face blush the cheeks with Barn Red. Using 2 strands of black DMC floss and a long doll needle, stitch on the mouth and eyebrows. Using 6 strands of DMC Orange, embroidery on the carrot nose using a satin stitch. Center the button eyes above the nose and sew in place. Enter and exit at the top of the head for all stitching, as that will be hidden later with the hat. Refer to the pattern piece for positions of all items. It may be easier to sketch on the facial features with a disappearing marker before you start. Next we will stitch up the feather tree on the snowmans body. Once again, use a long doll needle and enter and exit all stitches at the top of the tree where we will later place the large puffy star. This way all stitching will be hidden. First, start by stitching on the ground and tree stem with 2 strands of DMC Brown using a backstitch. The tree limbs are 2 strands of DMC green and the berries are 6 strands of DMC red. The berries are made using a french knot. Lastly, you will stitch on the snowflakes. It may be easier to sketch on the feather tree with your disappearing marker before begining. Now we need to put that star at the top of the tree. Trace one large star on to doubled coordinating homespun and sew, right sides together, on traced line. Leave open where indicated on pattern piece.
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Trim excess and turn right side out. Stuff lightly and sew opening closed. Stitch a little button to the center of the star. Glue or stitch the star in place at the top of the tree. Let's make the wings next. Trace the wing pattern on to the homespun of your choice. Tracing line is sewing line. Sew around wings (right sides together) on the traced line leaving open where indicated on pattern. Trim excess and turn right side out. Sew opening closed. Iron flat with a hot iron and stitch or glue the wings in place to the back of the snowman. Check the position of the wings before stitching in place. Now we are ready to make the hat! Trace your hat piece onto doubled homespun. Sew around the traced lines with right sides together, leaving open at the bottom. Trim excess and turn right side out. Rip a 1" x 7" piece of contrasting material and stitch to the bottom of the hat using a running stitch and black DMC floss. Refer to the pattern piece for placement. Trace one small star on to doubled coordinating homespun and sew, right sides together, on traced line. Leave open where indicated on pattern piece. Trim excess and turn right side out. Stuff lightly and sew opening closed. Stitch a little button to the center of the star. Stitch the star in place at the tip of the hat or attach with wire as I have done. Now just stitch or glue the hat to his head. You did it! What a cute little snowman!

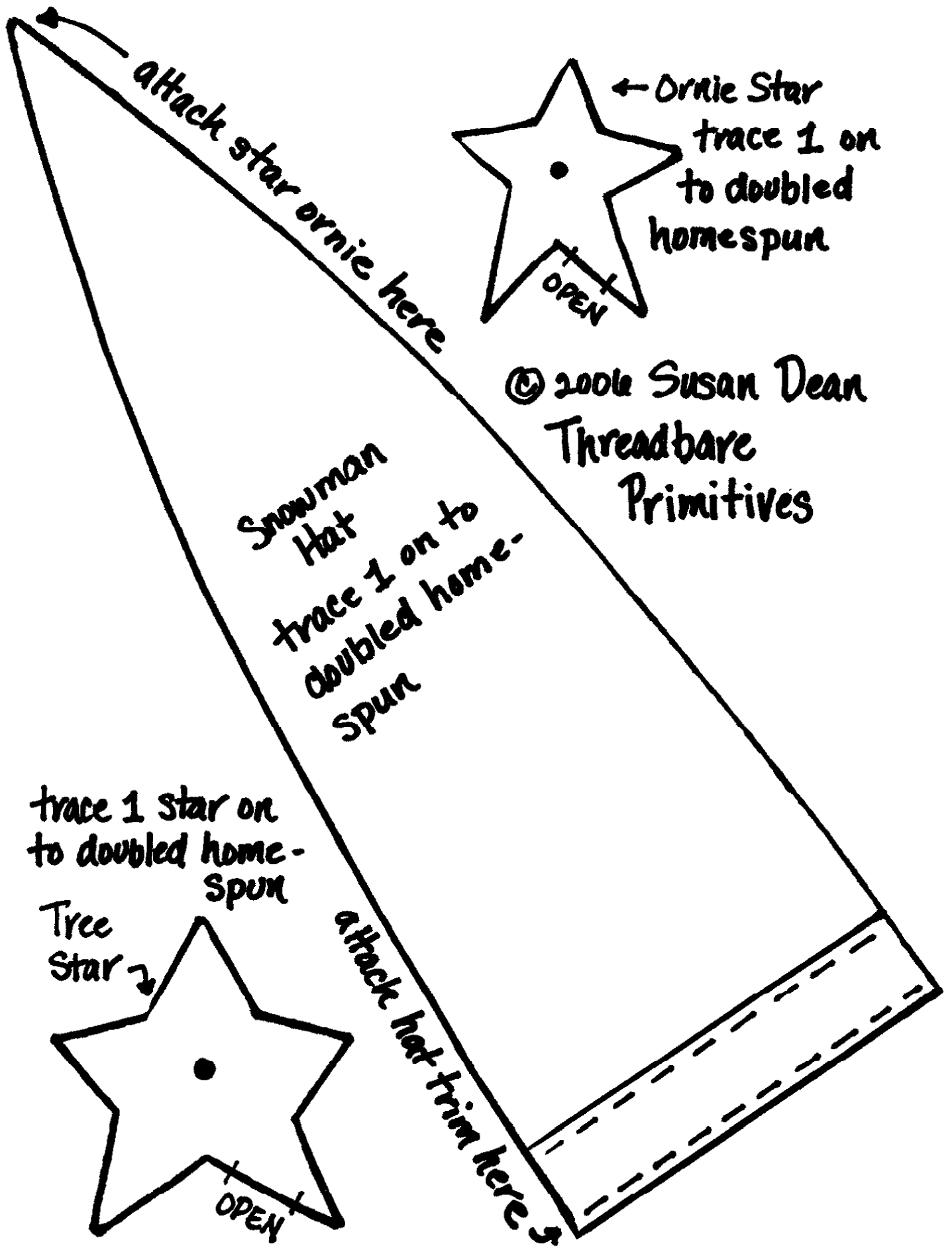
Snowman - trace 1 on to doubled
muslin



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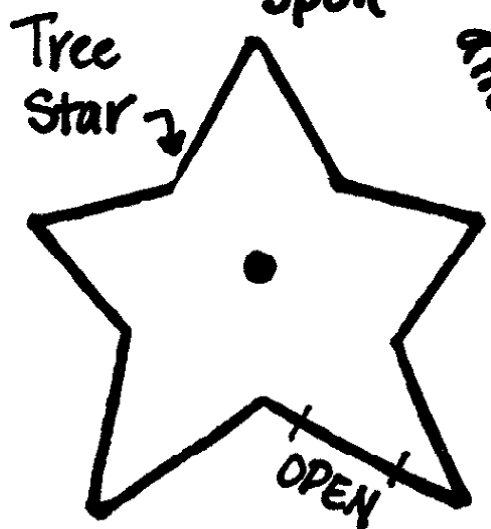


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trace 1 on
to doubled
homespun

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Snowman
Hat
trace 1 on to
doubled home-
spun

trace 1 star on
to doubled home-
spun



Tree
Star 2

attack hat trim here

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Snowman Wings

trace 1 on to doubled home.

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