

## Snowmen Kit



### Introduction

This kit is borne out of in the Penny Rug traditions of the early 1800's. From bits of wool scraps and felted wool scraps, they crafted functional items for their homes that reflected their creativity and ingenuity. A penny rug was used as a table mat most often, but translated into other decorative and useful items for the home.

The pennies were circular pieces of wool that were cut using the coins of the day as templates. Coins were different sizes than our modern currency.

In particular, the penny was the British penny which is much larger than our current coin. The stacks of graduated size pennies were placed side by side on early mats. Both the edges of the pennies, along with the outer edge of the mat were stitched with a blanket stitch.

As time went by, the designs included appliqué work also. The inspiration for their designs often came from other sources that were familiar to them. This would include folk art of a woman's ethnic community.

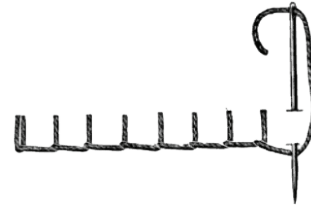
May you find inspiration in these patterns to bring your own unique brand of style into your home.

**CARE INSTRUCTIONS:** All of the wool felt in our kits is a blend of 20-35% wool. Dry cleaning is recommended for cleaning. To press wool felt, use a steam iron on high.

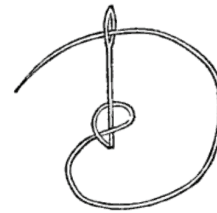
### Kit Contents

Qty	Description
4	2½" Pennies
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4	1½" Pennies
12	½" Pennies
	Floss, Embroidery Needle
	Instructions

### Stitches Needed



Blanket Stitch



French Knot



Chain Stitch

### Instructions

#### Design Side

Pin the medium penny ovetop of the large penny. Then pin the small penny ovetop of these following the picture. Blanket stitch, using cream floss, the overlap edge of the small penny to the medium penny joining them together. Do the same for the medium penny to the large penny. Make four of these assemblies but make sure that they match because one will be the front and one will be the back of the snowman.

To two of the assemblies add French Knots for the eyes and mouth to represent lumps of coal using black floss. Use a chain stitch with red floss for the nose representing a carrot. Attach the ½” pennies using a French Knot with black floss. Use a chain stitch with brown floss for the arms.

## ***Assembly***

Once all snowmen fronts and backs have been completed, place one front over one back and blanket stitch the outside edges together.

If you are going to hang your snowman where the front and back might be seen we have given you enough materials to put a face and buttons on both sides, so your snowman will always be watching.

Would you like a snowwoman, simply add a bow on her head. How about a snowbusiness man, drop the buttons and chain stitch in a tie.

How about a happy or sad snowman, simply place the French Knots in the proper arrangement for the mouth.

## ***Finishing***

All that is left is to add a loop of cream floss to the top which will serve as the hanger for the snowman.

## **Feedback**

Our company’s focus is on providing products that are “Fun with a Purpose” to help young people grow in the world around them and your ideas are always welcome.

If you have ideas, suggestions, corrections, questions, photos of a completed project, critiques, or reviews on these instructions or the kit that you would like to share with us, you can send an email to:

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