

# Snow Pennyrug

Please read all instructions carefully before beginning!

Trace all pattern shapes onto the dull side of freezer paper leaving a minimum of 1/4" space between each. When tracing use a sharp pencil and trace directly on the lines given. If you trace on the inside or outside of the pattern lines, you will be increasing or decreasing the finished size. None of the pattern pieces are reversed in this pattern because for the most part wools are the same on both sides. If you are using a wool that is different on either side and prefer to have a "right side" and a "wrong side", remember this when you adhere the freezer paper templates in a moment and iron your freezer paper templates to the "right side".

## *Supply List:*

13"x 16" blue wool  
5 1/2" square blue plaid wool  
6" square off white/cream wool  
1" x 2" barn red wool  
1" x 1 1/2" burnt orange wool  
2" x 2 1/2" chestnut or black wool  
Valdani Thread, size #12 in the following colors: #207 (blue), #504 (black), #510 (orange), #78 (deep red) and #576 (cream/tan)  
Freezer Paper  
Marking Tool  
Fabric Glue or pin  
Chenille Needle Size #24

## *Trace the following:*

Small tongues- 8  
Large tongues- 8  
Large Ovals - 2  
Each of the other pieces - 1 of each

## *Cut the following:*

**Barn Red wool:** hat band  
**Blue wool:** 2 backgrounds ovals & 8 large tongues  
**Blue Plaid wool:** 8 small tongues  
**Burnt Orange wool:** 1 nose  
**White/Cream wool:** letters and snowman head  
**Dark Chestnut Brown or Black wool:** hat

## *Stitch in the following colors:*

**Blue thread:** all tongue pieces, around outside edges of the large ovals  
**Cream/Tan thread:** around the lettering, around the snowman head and the snowflakes  
**Deep Red thread:** hat band  
**Orange Thread:** nose  
**Black Thread:** eyes and hat

Cut all traced pattern pieces apart--do not cut them out directly on the traced line yet, simply cut the shapes 1/8" to 1/4" inch outside the traced line. With an iron that is warm and set on the lowest temperature, adhere the freezer paper templates shiny side towards the fabric, to your chosen wool fabric. Take care not to touch the wool fabric that is not covered by freezer paper, you might leave an iron mark that is terribly hard to remove. Your best bet would be to use a pressing cloth and increase the heat of the iron if you are looking to save the wool fabric surrounding the pattern pieces that you will be cutting out. Cut all shapes out on your traced lines using short bladed, sharp scissors and taking small cuts at a time. Place all pattern pieces onto one of your oval shapes (the letters, the snowman head, hat, hat band and nose.) Pin or use fabric glue to hold any pieces in place while stitching.

It is extremely helpful in keeping your pieces flat if you blanket stitch from the bottom layer of shapes upward. Meaning, stitch your snowman first, then move up to the nose and the hat and then the hat band. Stitch the tongues in the same manner - stitch the small tongue on top of one large tongue. Next layer this newly stitch tongue (with a small tongue stitched in place already), on top of one larger tongue and stitch around the outside edges. Repeat for all 8 tongues.

To transfer the embroidered snowflakes you will either have to freehand them, use a light box to transfer the lines (which will be extremely difficult through dark colored fabric!) or use my favorite way! Grab a piece of nylon netting or tulle, place it over the pattern drawings and trace the lines directly onto the tulle or nylon netting using a black permanent marker - allow ink to completely dry. Remove netting/tulle and place over the pennyrug. Retrace your traced lines using a white or silver chalk pencil or a water-soluble marker (Clover makes a great one that writes in white ink and disappears with a steam iron or a spritz of water!) Stitch on traced lines. Make a colonial knot at the tip of each snowflake - this is the dot you see on the pattern sheet!

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Don't forget to make a couple tiny stitches for eyes so that your snowman can see!

Layer one small blue plaid tongue centered on top of one of your larger blue tongues with the bottom straight edges matching. Blanket stitch around the small tongue. Layer your newly stitched tongue on top of another large tongue and blanket stitch around the outer edges.

Continue stitching each of your tongues until finished.

Your tongues will fit next to each other around the left and right edges of the oval pennyrug. Use the pattern sheet and the photo on the last page of the instructions for placement help. Use a pin to hold pieces in place or a bright colored thread and a few basting stitches will do.

Layer your newly stitched pennyrug on top of the remaining oval shape and blanket stitch around outer edge using blue thread. It's a little tricky stitching through both of the oval shapes and all the layers of the tongues. What I like to do is "catch" one layer of the tongues in my blanket stitch around the edges of the pennyrug. When I finish, I flip the pennyrug over and blanket stitch the back side of the pennyrug in the "tongue" area to give the project a finished look on the back also! (This is personal preference only!)

Dab a Q-Tip in facial blush; blow off excess and dab on each snowman's cheek area for a cute added bonus if you like!

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