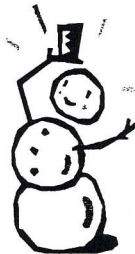


Snowman Mailbox Sitter

From The Snowman Shoppe



Supplies:

3/4" Cedar Wood for body
3/4" wood mushroom button (for nose)
1/4" dowel rod – 3 1/3 " long
1" dowel rod – 1" long (sand edges)
Paint – Ivory, Black and Maroon
Hot glue

Material Scrap
Pine Garland Scrap
Ivory button
1" black elastic – 24" long
Black velcro – 2" long (Sticky back)
DecoArt Snow-Tex

Begin:

Cut the 2 body pieces out of 3/4" cedar wood. Drill holes according to pattern. Sand each piece minimally on the flat surfaces, leaving the roughness of the cedar intact for a rustic look.

Paint:

Using the Ivory paint, basecoat both body pieces with 2 coats of paint. Transfer the pattern lines onto the body. Paint the hat, eyes, mouth and head outlines with black. Paint the hat stripe, scarf and button nose with maroon. Add a dot of ivory paint in the center of the eyes. Add some black wavy lines in the maroon hat stripe and scarf. Mix a drop of maroon and a drop of ivory paints to make a blush color, dry brush blush color onto cheeks with a hard brush. Splatter ivory paint on the snowman's colored parts with an old toothbrush.

Stain:

At this point, the snowman can be stained for a more rustic look, if desired. Use dark walnut stain that has been diluted with paint thinner and rub on complete snowman, front and back. Also be sure to stain the pipe's 1/4" and 1" pieces of dowel rod. Spray with an acrylic matte coating.

Hat Trim:

Using a 3" piece of pine garland, a 4" by 3/4" scrap of material, a teeny bit of spanish moss and an ivory button, assemble the hat trim. Bend the garland into a V-shape. Tie the material into a knot around the center of the garland, positioning both remaining ends down. Hot glue the teeny bit of spanish moss on top of the knot, then add the button on top of the spanish moss. Hot glue onto hat band according to picture. Voila!

Assembly:

Hot glue nose onto snowman. Nail or use staple gun to staple the main front and back pieces together, matching mailbox curve.

Elastic and Velcro:

Using a regular stapler, staple one side of a 2" piece of velcro on one end of the 24" elastic strap. Staple the other side of the velcro to the other end of the elastic strap. 4 staples in each is adequate...one in each corner. Center the elastic strap on the mailbox arch of the head of the snowman and hot glue it in place. Place about 6 staples (with a crown stapler) or nails into the elastic and the snowman head to hold the elastic on. If you live in a very windy area, you may also want to hot glue a long piece of strip magnet on the elastic to be sure the snowman never slips on your mailbox.

Pipe:

Drill a small 1/4" hole in the side of the 1" dowel rod about halfway through the thickness. Hot glue the 1/4" dowel rod in the hole. Place the pipe in the predrilled 1/4" hole near the snowman's mouth.

Snow:

Thin a small amount of Snow-Tex with water and apply to snowman's hat with a popsicle stick.