Snowman with Attitude

The best things come in dozens! Make this little snowman and give him an attitude in 12 easy steps.

Fabrics: Medium blue (sky); light blue or grey (background); white (snowman); black (hat, arms, buttons); scrap of orange (nose)!

Medium Blue
A (2) 4½” x 8½”
B (4) 1½’ x 2½”
C (2) 1” x 1” shoulders
D (2) ¾” x ¾” chin

Ground (pale blue or grey)
E (2) 3 ½” x 4 ½”
F (2) 1” x 1” base of body

Orange
NOSE: Scrap

White
One each of:
G 4½” x 6½” lower body
H 4½” x 4½” mid-torso
I 2½” x 2½” head
J (2) 1”x 1” waist

1. Sew F squares on to inside lower corners of G to make colored corners. This forms base of snowman. (See drawing.) Trim and press triangles out to make G back into a square. Sew one E to each side of G. Set this piece aside.

2. Sew J squares on diagonal to lower inside corners of A pieces to form hips. (See drawing.) Trim and press triangles out to make A a rectangle again. Set these pieces aside.
3. Sew C squares on diagonally to upper inside corners of H to form shoulders. Trim and press H back into a square. Set this piece aside.

4. Sew D squares onto lower corners of I (head) to form chin. Trim and press I back into a square. Sew one B to each side of I.

5. Fold brim piece in half lengthwise. Press. Place raw edge of brim on raw edge of top of I-B rectangles you’ve just constructed. Baste slightly inside seamline to hold in place. This will form a little flange across the forehead and across the sky (B) on each side.

6. Sew remaining B rectangles to each side of K (hat). Sew K-B to I-B on ¼” seamline. This seamline should cover the basting line so it doesn’t show. You want that little flange to remain so it looks like a hat-brim.

7. Sew I-B/K-B to H to connect head to body.

8. Press each 1”x 6” arm piece in half lengthwise. Open. Fold each edge into center making a long narrow piece with finished edges. Place each arm about where it will look like it is coming out from just below the snowman’s shoulders. Baste in place. Pin out of the way, so only one narrow edge gets sewn into the next seam.

9. Sew one A to each side of the snowman’s head/torso block (B/H/I/K).

10. Sew this newly constructed piece (top of snowman) to lower body E/G (the first piece you constructed).

11. You may form the arms in any way you wish because these pieces are somewhat like bias tape. Hand sew arms to the background to give your snowman an attitude!

12. To add more personality, cut out little chunks of “coal” from black or very very dark fabric for eyes and buttons. Cut out a carrot-shaped piece for the nose. Attach them with a tiny dot of water-based paste (like Elmer’s school glue). They’ll be machine appliqued on when you quilt your snowman quilt. You may also want to add specks of “coal” for the mouth, or draw spots on with a permanent ink pen.

You’re done! Now, does your snowman have a name? Make a couple more and enter the Block of the Month drawing in January. You never know…maybe you’ll end up with a whole village of snowpeople!