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Have fun and be a little crafty this year and make your own version of a holiday sweater. Be the envy of all your friends at the next ugly sweater party. The more crafty the better. Bling out a plain purchased red sweater using felt, ribbon, fabric paint and embroidery. A Brother sewing/quilting machine is just perfect to add appliqués and embroidered snowflakes.



Materials and Supplies

- [Brother Sewing/Quilting Machine](#)
- White sewing thread
- Ribbon-1 1/2" wide, length and width of sweater
- Fabric paint, white, orange, black, white glitter paint
- Plain purchased red sweater
- Felt squares-1 white glitter, 1green, 1 black
- 1-gold ribbon, 1/4" X 4"

Instructions

1. Lay the sweater on a flat surface front facing up.
2. Measure the width of the sweater from side seam to side seam. Measure the front length from near the neck opening to the bottom of the sweater. Add two inches to each measurement. **See Figure #1.**
3. Cut both measurements from the wide ribbon. If you purchased wired ribbon, remove the wires from both sides. Position the shortest length of ribbon 3 inches up from the bottom band on the sweater. Pin in place, folding over each end one inch. Do the same with the long length of ribbon overlapping the first. Follow figure #1 for perfect placement. You can also use spray adhesive to temporarily hold the ribbon in place.
4. Set your machine up for sewing. Install matching sewing thread on top and in the bobbin. Choose a small



Figure #1.

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5. zig zag stitch and sew the ribbon edges to the sweater.
6. Remove from the machine and lay flat. Cut the white felt piece of fabric felt square in half lengthwise. Set one piece aside for now.
7. Cut the snow mound out lengthwise starting high on one side tapering down to the other side. Place on the sweater where the ribbon intersects with each other. Pin in place. **See Figure #2**
8. Repeat step 4 to adhere the snow mound to the sweater front.
9. Print the pattern for the tree and snowman below.
10. Cut out the tree from the green felt fabric and position it on the mount centering the tree with the neck opening. Stitch in place. **See Figure #3**
11. Cut out the snowman from the remaining white felt fabric. Tack the head, middle and bottom of the body together. It is easier to assemble the snowman before adding him to the front of the sweater and stitching in place.
12. Continue to cut out the hat and arms and tack them in place also.
Add the small gold ribbon to the neck of the snowman by tying it in place. Position the snowman on the sweater next to the tree. Using matching sewing thread stitch the snowman onto the sweater. **See Figure #4**
13. Hand embroider snowflakes using white thread.
14. Using the black fabric paint, add two eyes, mouth and buttons to embellish your snowman.
15. Make a carrot nose with the orange fabric paint.
16. Change to white fabric paint and add snow to your tree and lines to define the body of the tree. Add some glitz using glitter paint to embellish the tree, snowman and snow mound. Make them sparkle. **See Figure #6**
17. To add the finishing touch to your sweater, cut a length of wide ribbon a yard long and create a bow to add to the bottom of the sweater where the two ribbon strips meet. **See Figure #7**
18. Allow the fabric paint to dry for approximately two days before you remove all water soluble stabilizer.



Figure #2



Figure #3



Figure #4



Figure #5

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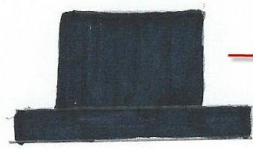


Figure #6

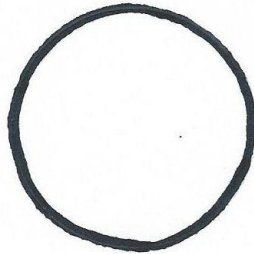


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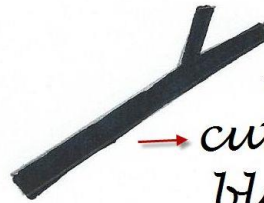
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Hat
cut 1 from
black felt



Snowman
cut 1 each
from white
felt



Arms
cut 2 from
black felt

Face
example



