

3D Lace and Organza Snowman



Create an enchanting winter wonderland with this friendly snowman! Stitch the fabric-accented lace pieces individually, then stitch them together to build your snowman. Battery-operated lights inside bring this cheerful fellow to life!

Project Needs & Notes:

- 1/4 yard white organza
- 1/4 yard black organza
- Small piece of orange organza (for carrot nose)
- 1/4 yard quilter's cotton (for hat band)
- 1/4 yard fleece (for scarf)
- Medium-weight (2.5 ounce) cutaway stabilizer
- Heavy water-soluble stabilizer (such as Vilene or Sulky Ultra Solvy)
- Temporary spray adhesive (such as Gunold's KK100)
- Hand sewing needle, hot glue gun, or fabric glue
- Electric tea light or fairy lights

Designs featured in this tutorial include:

- [X13775, Organza Snowman in 3D \(Lace\)](#)

Finished Size:

9" tall x 8.5" wide (arm to arm) x 5" deep

Special Notes:

To make a completed lace and organza snowman, you will need to sew a total of six hat sides (labeled with an "a"), two of each of the three side pieces (f, h, and j), and just one of each of the remaining pieces.

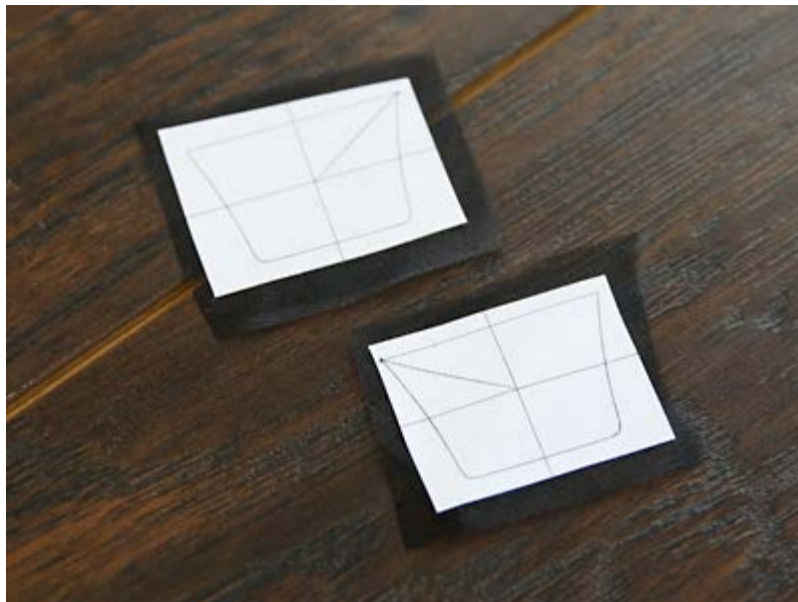
For a sturdier snowman, starch the lace and organza pieces flat before assembling. After assembling the body, you can also starch it in shape to help the snowman stand on its own.



When you download the lace and organza snowman, you

will find a total of thirty-nine files. Fourteen of the files are embroidery files, and the other twenty-five are dieline files marked with the letters DL. Dielines are used to cut the fabric to the right shape and size.

Open each dieline file with an embroidery software, and print it. If you do not have embroidery software, [Wilcom's TrueSizer](#) is a free program to use.



When looking at the dieline files, there will be a front and a back organza dieline for every embroidery file that includes organza.

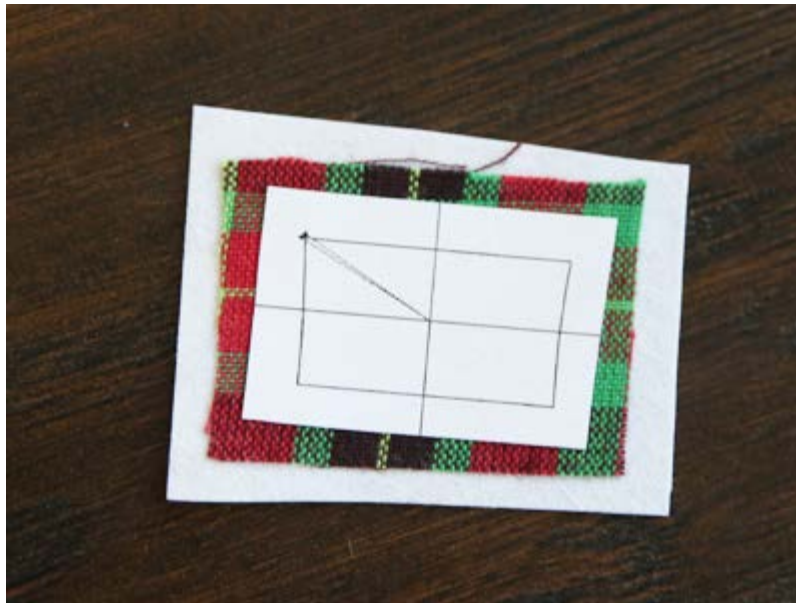
Spray the back of the paper dieline, and smooth it onto the organza fabric.



Cut out the shape, and repeat for the back piece.

For organza, it is good to leave the paper on until it is time to place the pieces in the hoop. For easy removal later, fold back one corner of the paper dieline.

When working with many pieces, it can also be helpful to label each piece.



For the hat band dieline, spray the backside of the paper dieline, and smooth it onto the right side of the fabric.

Then spray the backside of the fabric, and smooth it onto a piece of cutaway stabilizer.



Cut out the shape, and remove the paper.

This design has been specially digitized for water-soluble stabilizer.

After the stabilizer is removed, beautiful fabric-accented lace remains.



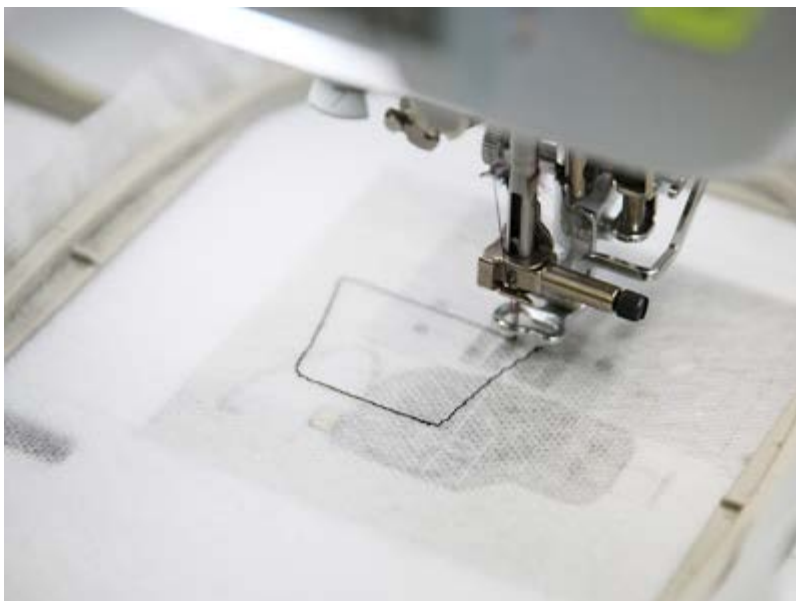
There are a couple of different kinds of water-soluble stabilizer. One is clear and plastic, and that brand is Sulky Ultra Solvy. The other is soft and fibrous, called Vilene. Both will work very well. Vilene is used in this demonstration.

Use a size 11 or 75/11 sharp sewing needle. A sharp sewing needle has a smaller, finer point than an embroidery needle. That means it will make smaller holes in the stabilizer.

Hoop the water-soluble stabilizer firmly. Make sure it is nice and tight with no wrinkles.



Lace organza files can be seen from both sides, so wind a bobbin with the same thread that you're using in the needle.



Load the embroidery file for the hat side labeled with an "a" into the machine (not the dieline).

The first thing to embroider will be a dieline, or outline stitch for the hat. This marks the area on the stabilizer where we'll place the first fabric pieces.



Once the dieline has sewn, remove the hoop from the machine.

Spray the backside of the front organza piece with temporary adhesive, and place it inside of the sewn dieline.

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Then place the hoop back onto the machine, and embroider the "hat front piece tack down".



Before sewing the "back piece tack down" step, stop the machine. Remove the hoop, but do not unhoop the stabilizer.

Lay the hoop on the table with the backside facing up. Spray the backside of the back dieline with temporary adhesive. Then place it on the back of the stabilizer inside the sewn outline.



Place the hoop back on the machine, and continue to embroider the design.

A tack down will sew first, followed by the inner details and black finishing border.



Unlike the other embroidery files in this design, the hat side (piece "a") includes a small cotton applique piece.

Wind a bobbin matching the second thread color, and embroider the "hat band dieline".

Only the hat side (file "a") needs multiple bobbin colors. For the other pieces, simply match the bobbin to the main thread color.



Before sewing the "hat band tack down", stop the machine and remove the hoop without unhooping the embroidery.

Then spray the backside of the hat band fabric piece, and place it inside the sewn dieline.



Place the hoop back on the machine, and embroider the rest of the design.

The tack down will embroider, followed by the final finishing border.



For the lace arms (pieces "m" & "n"), hoop a piece of water soluble stabilizer.

Then wind a bobbin with the same thread that is being used in the needle.



Load and embroider the design. The lace arms will sew straight through, and do not have any fabric pieces to be placed.



For both the organza and the lace pieces, cut the excess stabilizer away after the embroidery has finished sewing.



The stabilizer's packaging should give instructions for removing the excess. For Vilene, soak the organza and the lace pieces for a few moments.



Let the pieces air dry, and then press each piece using a pressing cloth.



Repeat the previous steps to prepare and embroider all of the pieces for the snowman.

Make sure to sew file "a" out a total of six times, and embroider two copies of each of the three side pieces (f, h, & j).



Take one of the hat sides (piece "a"), and the hat brim (piece "c").

Line up the bottom edge of the side piece with one of the inner straight edges on the brim.

Make sure right sides of the embroidery are together, and connect them by hand sewing just along the straight edge.



Repeat to add the other five hat side pieces onto the brim.

Make sure that the right side of each side piece and the right side of the brim are always touching to ensure the sides will face out when finished.

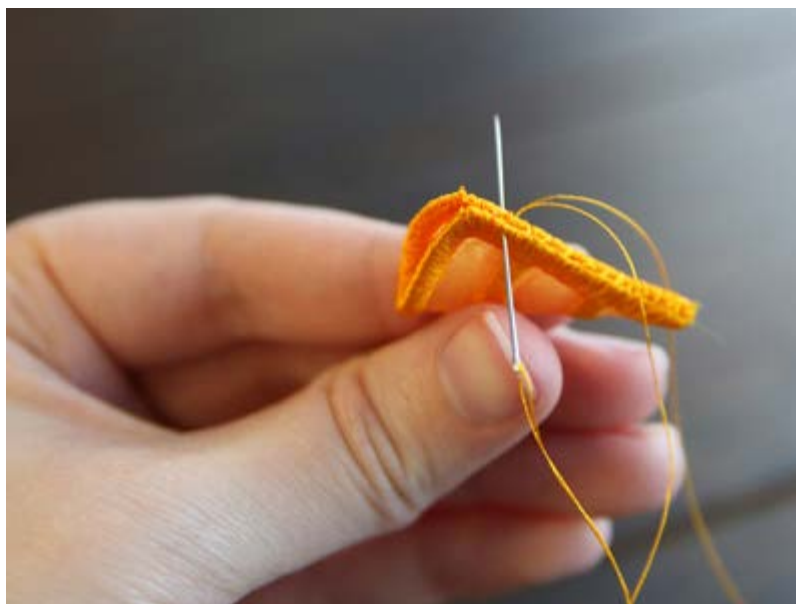


Bring the sides up, and sew them together along the sides while holding the pieces with wrong sides together.

Continue until all the sides pieces are attached to one another, side by side.



Then take the top of the hat (piece "b"), and fit it on top of the side pieces. Match up all of the short straight edges, and sew the top of the hat closed.



Next take the nose piece (piece "d"), and fold it gently in half with the wrong sides together. Hand sew the two straight edges together, and open it back up into a cone shape.



Then take the small front side (piece "e"), and place the open end of the nose over the circle on the face of the snowman. Use a hand sewing needle or hot glue, and tack it into place.



Match the top two edges of the front side piece ("e") to the inner edges of the hat brim ("c").

Make sure the right side of the side piece is resting against the wrong side of the hat brim. Hand sew them together along the two edges.



Then repeat to add the other two small side pieces (labeled with a "f") to the brim of the hat.



Once all three of the small sides are attached to the brim. Sew the dart on each of the three sides with wrong sides together.



After the darts are sewn, match up the curved sides of the adjacent pieces, and hand sew them together with wrong sides together. Continue until the top section of the snowman is finished.



To add the middle section, take the front medium side piece ("g"), and match up the top straight edges with the edges of the opening. Make sure the side with the buttons matches up with the side with the face. Sew along the straight edges, making sure right sides are together.



Repeat to add the other two medium side pieces ("h") to the opening.



Locate the first dart (not a curved side) to the left of the front button panel. Match up the edges with wrong sides together. Before sewing it closed, take the left lace arm ("n"), and place it in the dart between the two edges. Sew the arm in place while sewing the dart closed. Then sew the other two darts as usual.



Next, locate the first curved side (not a dart) to the right of the front button panel.

Before sewing it closed, insert the right lace arm ("m") between the two edges. Sew the arm in place while sewing the curved sides together.

Then sew the other two curved sides together like normal.



Repeat the previous to add the final bottom section just as the middle section was added. Simply skip the arm steps, and sew the pieces in together.



Take the base piece ("k") and the base door (piece "l"), and set them on the table with the right sides facing up. Match up the straight side of the base door ("l") with the inner straight edge of the base ("k"). One flap of the door will overlap the main base piece. Sew the two pieces together just along one side, making sure not to sew the flaps to the main base piece.



Then fit the completed base piece into the bottom opening of the snowman. Sew the edges together only around the edges of the base piece labeled with a "k". The other section of the base will act as a door.



Take an electric tea light or fairy lights, and slip it inside of the snowman through the base door. Once the light is inside, push the door inside of the snowman to shut it. Once inside, the small flaps around the edges of the door will help to keep it closed.



Finally, cut a long strip of fleece that measures 1 1/4" wide x 20" long. Cut the ends into fringe if desired, and tie it around the snowman's neck to make a scarf.

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