



## Triple C Carving Group Newsletter Sept 11th, 2024



24 Carvers attended today's meeting.

**Important Note: Hall opens at 8:30 AM. The meeting will start at 9:00 AM. We have the Hall till 12:00 pm**

**Treasurer's Report:** No Treasurer's report today.

**Cookies:** It was chips and gummies today, leftovers from the BBQ. There are some openings for cookie sign-up, please add your name to the list for bringing cookies.

**Guests:** No guests today. No new members.

**Website:** The website server annual invoice has come in (~\$150). Susan made a motion to pay the invoice and in future treat this operating expense similar to how we treat the rent payments at the Navy Club, hence no future member endorsement required to make this regular payment. Seconded by Dennis. Voting: For = All, Against = None. Motion carried.

**Business:** **Wood** – Rick J. donated walking stick blanks to the club. A \$2 donation is requested for each cane to be paid in the club coffee can. Terry brought some cedar and cut it to length and handed out for free at the meeting. Thank you Rick and Terry. The storage room wood bin has recently been replenished. Please make a donation to the club when taking this wood.

**Birthdays** – Doug B. Happy Birthday Doug!

**Theater Sarnia Logo** – A plaque with the names of all contributors will be included with the completed logo when it goes to Sarnia Theater.

**Veteran 'Stackable Snowman'** – The blanks are ready at the front table, take as many as you like. Thank you to Garry for making all the cutouts for us. Instructions for this project are appended to this document. Completed snowmen will be collected at the club and we will have our 'snowman parade' at the Christmas dinner. Wayne will take them to the veteran organizations and confirm that the timing matches up.

**Brigden Fair** – Early bird entry deadline is Sept 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Donation to Hospice in honour of Gerry Clements** – \$25 will be donated to St-Joseph hospice. Don made the motion, seconded by Brian. Voting: For = All, Against = none. Motion carried.

**Display Table** – In a few weeks, members will have a chance to vote on whether to continue with the current Display table format or return to the former format. Please do not hesitate to share your opinion with Pat, Wayne and Garry.

**Dremel** – Gordon donated an electric Dremel to the club. Silent auction, starting bid of \$10. Thank you Gord for your generosity.

**Tech talk:**                   None today.

**Upcoming Events:**

**None.**

Please scroll down to the 'Stackable Snowman' instructions on the following 3 pages.

# Quick-Carve Stackable Snowman

This fun holiday gift features interchangeable parts

By Claude Frenner

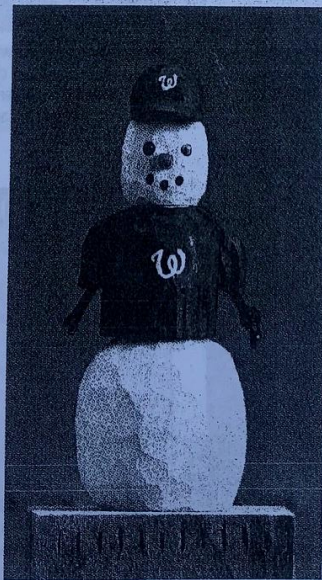
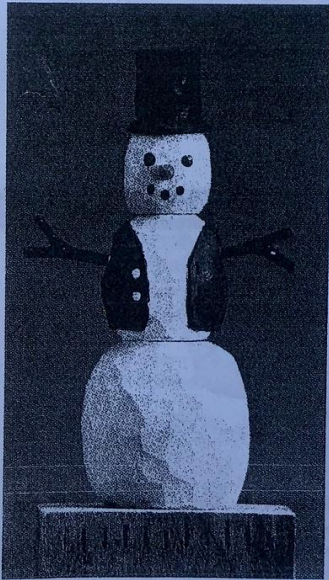


This stackable snowman carving is easy to complete and makes a great gift or holiday decoration.

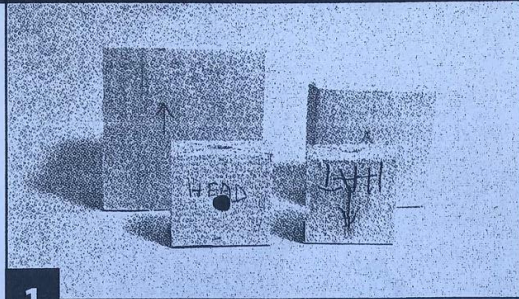
Mix things up by carving different sections and swap them out to suit your mood. Create a top hat and vest for special occasions or personalize the carving with attire from your favorite sports team. Customize the face with different expressions or a corncob pipe. Easy twig arms keep the design simple so you can concentrate on being creative.

I was inspired to make a stackable snowman after carving a couple of stackable Santas from the book *Santa Showcase* (Fox Chapel Publishing). I figured this little snowman would keep the stackable Santa company. Use your imagination and the same basic technique to make a variety of stackable carvings.

To get started, cut the four blanks to size as listed in the materials list. Label the grain direction on each blank. Drill the dowel holes in the end grain.

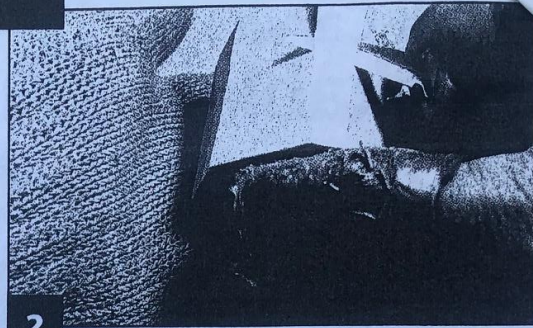


## SNOWMAN: PREPARING THE BLANKS



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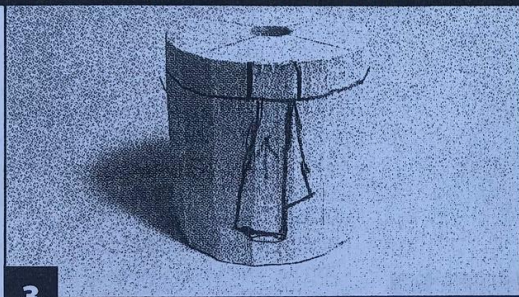
**Drill the dowel holes.** Drill a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm)-diameter hole through the middle and head blanks and enlarge the holes with a  $\frac{3}{32}$ " (7mm)-diameter bit. Drill a  $\frac{1}{4}$ "-diameter by  $\frac{1}{2}$ "-deep (6mm by 13mm) hole in the top of the bottom blank. Drill a  $\frac{1}{4}$ "-diameter by  $\frac{1}{4}$ "-deep (6mm by 6mm) hole in the bottom of the hat blank.



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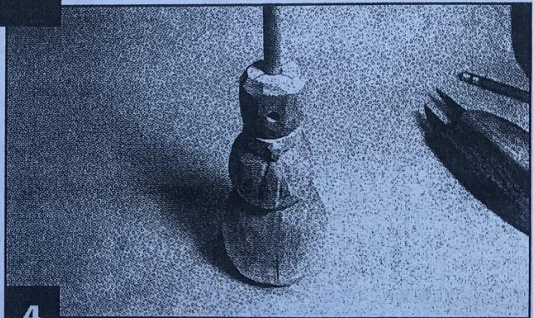
**Round the corners of the blocks.** Drill a  $\frac{3}{32}$ "-diameter by  $\frac{1}{4}$ "-deep (4mm by 6mm) hole in one side of the head blank for the carrot nose. Glue the dowel into the hole on the bottom blank. Use a knife to carve off the corners of all four blanks, creating cylinder shapes.

## SNOWMAN: SHAPING THE SECTIONS



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**Add the scarf.** Draw the scarf on the middle blank. Stop cut around the scarf and round the blank down into the stop cuts so the scarf is higher than the rest of the surface. Shape the scarf being sure to taper the top and bottom of the blank to create the round shape.



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**Check the flow of the pieces.** Round each section and slide it onto the dowel to check the flow. You want to create the look of consecutively smaller balls stacked on top of each other. After you carve the head to shape, glue the nose dowel in place.



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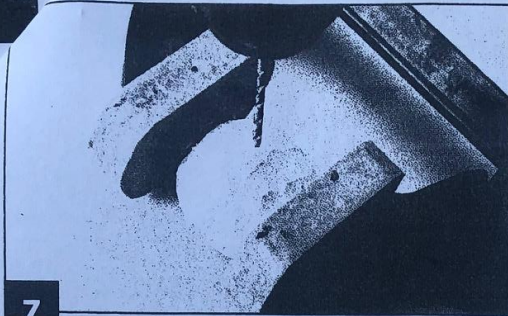
**Carve the hat.** Draw a circle to indicate where the fur trim will be. Then draw in the fur ball on the top of the hat. Shape the hat and test the fit on the assembled snowman.

## SNOWMAN: FINISHING THE PROJECT



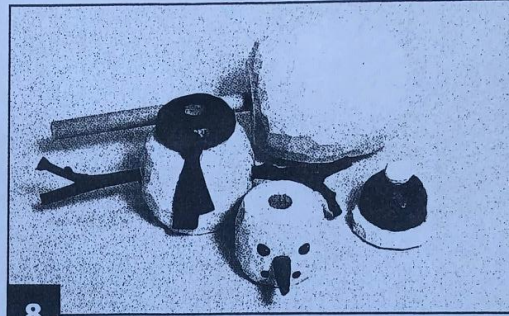
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**Carve the nose.** Shape the nose dowel into a carrot. Paint the snowman with your colors of choice. I use acrylic paints and add dots for the facial features after the white is dry.



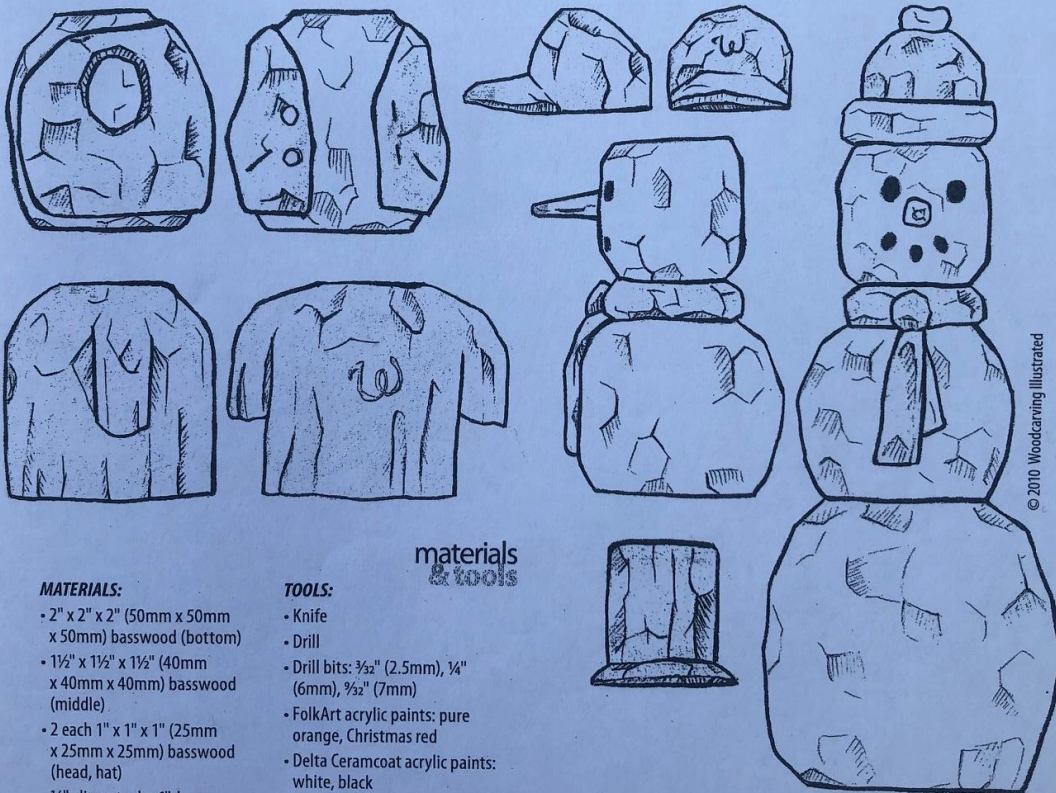
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**Drill the holes for the arms.** Use clamps to hold the middle section and drill  $\frac{3}{32}$ "-diameter holes in the sides. Select two small matching twigs for the arms and glue them in place.



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**Finish the carving.** Seal the carving with water-based gloss varnish. Do not paint or varnish the internal dowel or the holes it passes through; you do not want the pieces to stick together.



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### materials & tools

**MATERIALS:**

- 2" x 2" x 2" (50mm x 50mm x 50mm) basswood (bottom)
- 1½" x 1½" x 1½" (40mm x 40mm x 40mm) basswood (middle)
- 2 each 1" x 1" x 1" (25mm x 25mm x 25mm) basswood (head, hat)
- ¼"-diameter by 6"-long (6mm by 150mm) dowel
- ⅜"-diameter by 1"-long (2.5mm by 25mm) dowel (nose)
- 2 each small twigs, roughly ⅜" (2.5mm)-diameter (arms)

**TOOLS:**

- Knife
- Drill
- Drill bits: ⅜" (2.5mm), ¼" (6mm), ⅝" (7mm)
- FolkArt acrylic paints: pure orange, Christmas red
- Delta Ceramcoat acrylic paints: white, black
- Delta Ceramcoat water-based interior/exterior gloss varnish



**About the Author**

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