



How to Build a Snowman

Have you ever sat gazing out of the window at the miserable, freezing snowfall outside? Have you ever wondered how to turn a boring snow day into a magical fun-filled afternoon? It doesn't take a lot of equipment to build the most incredible snowman. Read these instructions and your winter will be filled with joy.

What you need:

- A scoop or shovel
- A long, wrinkly carrot
- Some black buttons
- Warm, waterproof boots, gloves and ski pants (you'll be outside for a while!)
- A number of sturdy, wooden spoons
- A pair of colourful mittens, a woolly hat and a scarf
- A large, delicious mug of hot chocolate, to warm you up when you get back inside!



What you do:

1. Roll out three large balls using wet snow. Wet snow gives the best results because you can make round balls easily.
2. Store your balls in a shady spot (so that they don't melt) until you are ready to construct your snowman.
3. Make your basic body shape using your three balls of snow. The bottom ball should be about 2½ feet tall, with the two smaller balls stacked on top.
4. Push the wooden spoons into the middle snowball for the arms, and put the mittens on the ends.
5. Add the buttons for eyes and a carrot nose. Straight, crooked, curved, short, long, fat or thin, the nose is crucial in giving our snowman a personality.
6. Put on the hat and scarf. Always fill your snowman's mittens and hats with a bit of snow—it gives them shape and keeps them from blowing away.

Top tips:

If you would like to become a master snowman builder, here is a top tip: when you're stacking balls, flatten and loosen the snow on top of the bottom ball so that the top ball has something to stick to. After you've placed the top ball, twist it back and forth to make it sturdier.

Questions

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2. Why do you need 'warm, waterproof boots, gloves and ski pants' to build a snowman?

3. Find and copy two words to describe the spoons you will need.

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4. Why should you use wet snow to make your snowman?

5. Fill in the table to indicate whether the statements are true or false.
The first one is done for you:

	True	False
The bottom ball of the snowman should be 2 ½ feet tall.	☒	☐
The wooden spoons are for the snowman's legs.	☐	☐
You don't really need a carrot nose on your snowman.	☐	☐
You should fill your snowman's mittens and gloves with a little bit of snow.	☐	☐

Questions

6. Draw a picture showing what the completed snowman should look like.



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8. '*master snowman builder*'.

What do you think this means?

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Answers

1. Look at the first paragraph. Give one reason why someone might want to build a snowman.

Building a snowman will brighten up a miserable/boring day.

2. Why do you need 'warm, waterproof boots, gloves and ski pants' to build a snowman?

They will keep you warm when you are outside for a long time.

3. Find and copy two words to describe the spoons you will need.

1. wooden

2. sturdy

4. Why should you use wet snow to make your snowman?

Because you can make round balls really easily

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Answers

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Picture might include: 3 balls, with the biggest at the bottom/wooden spoons with mittens on the end/buttons for eyes/carrot nose/a woolly hat and scarf.

7. What do you think 'crucial' means in this text?

Important

8. 'master snowman builder'.

What do you think this means?

Somebody who is really good at building snowmen.

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