

Make a rocking snowman



This rocking snowman is very straightforward to make and requires only basic craft materials you'll probably have to hand at home.

You will need: a white paper plate (dinner plate size); a fine nib black permanent marker; an orange pipe cleaner; scraps of thin card (which can be from a cereal box or similar); a glue stick or glue dots; sticky tape (optional).

Instructions:

1. Fold the paper plate in half. Cut to make two semi-circles.
2. Make one of the semi-circles into a cone. Secure in place using glue/glue dots and/or sticky tape.
3. Flatten the cone slightly, ready to add the snowman's features.
4. Use the black permanent marker to draw on eyes, a mouth and buttons.
5. With the orange pipe cleaner make a carrot nose by winding the rest of the pipe cleaner around a 3cm section. Make one end big and then gradually make it smaller until you reach the other end – you now have a carrot! Attach to the snowman's face using glue or glue dots.
6. Use scraps of thin card to make a scarf and a top hat. With the black permanent marker add details to both. Then attach to the snowman with glue or glue dots.
7. Slightly ease out the cone at the bottom, enough to allow the snowman to stand unaided and, of course, to rock when gently pushed!
8. The snowman is now complete. You can make another with the other half of the paper plate – just repeat steps 2-7.

Fun fact: The earliest known photography of a snowman has been recorded in the National Library of Wales, and was taken in 1853.