

Deck The Table With This Winter Snowman

(NAPSA)—You don't have to wait for a snowstorm to make this delightful snowman. Terrific as a holiday centerpiece or as gift for a teacher, for example, this chubby carnation-covered snowman is a project the entire family may love to make.

What you need:

- 75 white carnations
- 12 stems mini-carnations (to yield 62 blossoms)
- 1 small carrot
- screwdriver
- 1 drywall screw
- 4- by 3- by ½-inch thick block of wood
- 14- by ¼-inch diameter dowel
- glue gun and glue stick
- 7-inch-diameter plastic saucer
- sharp kitchen knife
- 1½ brick of floral foam
- heavy-duty black plastic garbage bag
- 5 12-inch-long pieces of fine gauge florist's wire
- 3 1-inch-diameter red buttons
- 2½ inch-diameter black buttons
- doll's scarf and hat (available at craft store)
- 2 6-inch long twigs

Screw dowel to wooden block. With the glue gun, hot-glove the block of wood to the plastic saucer. Cut and shave chunks of floral foam to form three sections. With the knife, shave off the corners of the tummy and chest pieces of the floral foam. Shave the head piece so it is smaller and rounder than the rest. Thoroughly soak the foam pieces and place them on the plastic bag. Insert the dowel in the center of the bottom of the tummy chunk of wet floral foam and push the tummy down so that it rests on the saucer.

After cutting carnations to 2-inch lengths, insert stem in each



chunk of floral foam to form round head, chest and tummy. Working from the bottom up, cover the floral foam tummy with large carnations (about 46) so the tummy looks round. Place the foam chest on top of the tummy and cover with large carnations (about 29). Repeat with snowman head (you will need about 62 mini-carnations). To give your snowman a softer, rounder look, cover the top, sides, and bottom of the chest and head, as well as the top of the tummy.

Thread a wire through each of the five buttons; twist the wires to secure them. Insert the black eye buttons in the head of the snowman. Cut the carrot to your desired length. Wire the carrot and insert in the head. Insert red buttons on the chest and tummy of the snowman. Tie doll's scarf around the neck of the snowman. Add the two twigs for arms and the doll's hat.

This frosty fellow is also available exclusively through 1800flowers.com, so even if don't have time to make this fun snowman, you can visit the Web site where you'll find this great gift among many others.