

Make new friends
this winter...

**What
she's
made
of:**

- **Hat:** wool hat with velvet trim (looks better on her than it ever did on me!)
- **Eyes:** made from trimmed evergreen sprigs
- **Hair:** dried flower sprigs from the garden
- **Nose:** dried and curled autumn leaf
- **Mouth:** fresh cranberries secured with cocktail toothpicks
- **Necklace:** peeled orange in a continuous ribbon

...play
outside

Our first snowgirl came to life during a December snowstorm, welcoming us in the backyard for a good five days before warmer temperatures took a toll. She was quickly and gracefully dismantled. Here's how we did it:

snowball snow: Test the snow. If it's too cold outside, the snow won't hold together. Make a snowball—if it's sticky enough to hold together, it's sticky enough to make a snowman.

location: Begin by deciding where you want your snowman to stand. If you're planning to take photographs, be mindful of the backdrop.

construction: Make a snowball and pack it tightly. Place the snowball on the ground and roll, pressing lightly as you go, so that it picks up snow.

Turn and rotate the snowball as it grows, working your way back to where it will stand (big snowballs are heavy and awkward to carry).

Stack two or three big snowballs and pack snow around the joints to secure. Alternately, form the snowman by gathering and shaping a mound of snow.

photography: Like people, your snowman may look better from the left, the right, from above, or below. Capture his or her personality by trying different angles.

Do take your photographs the same day. Wind, warmer temperatures, and nighttime critters may dismantle what you've made.