

Recipe of the Month!

Snow Couple

by Mary Ann

project time - 4 hours



INGREDIENTS

Sponge

Tee shirt material for ragging

BISQUEFIRE

1003 Rim Charger

Brushes

6 Round Brush

FUN STROKES

FS- 2300 Polar Bear

FS- 2314 Black Lab

FS- 2323 Jumpin' Juniper

FS- 2390 Orange Crush

FS- 2392 Rockin' Red

SPECIALTY GLAZE

9558 Adorn

MISCELLANEOUS

2 Fun Writer bottles

Step 1- Apply 2 coats of Polar Bear to the top of the plate. When it is dry to the touch, follow the instructions below for the ragging technique. Use Jumpin Juniper to rag with.

Ragging Off:

This is usually done with a light color on the bottom and then a darker color on top so that when you rag you will get more contrast. Let the first color dry to the touch then you can do the ragging off as follows: Have your rag (a tee shirt type of material works best) wet and rung out and rolled into a ball making sure it looks wrinkly. You need to have this ready before you apply color. The idea is to rag off some color before it dries so it needs to be applied quickly and with a big brush. The color should also be a little watered down. Apply the darker color on top - Rag off by pressing onto the color with the rag going up and down...sort of dabbing. The rag will be taking some of the top color off and show some of the underneath color. If the color starts to dry then you need to press and twist slightly to remove some of the top color. It's best to try and rag quickly while its still a little wet.

STEP 2- Once the ragging is done and dry which should only take about 5 minutes, Trace the letters and the outside edge of the pattern only at this time because you will be covering the whole inside area.

STEP 3- Using a small piece of the rag on your finger tip, wipe just the area that connects the rim and the center. Wipe only enough to the Polar Bear that's beneath it not to the bisque.

STEP 4- The "Adorn" is a specialty product sold in a 4 oz. jar if you don't have any of this you can also use Bumpy Snow because it is the SAME product. Just different containers. You will be sponging it on that's why I would recommend the 4 oz jar. Pour some on your tile and dip the sponge into it and sponge one good coat in the whole pattern of the snowmen. Let dry.

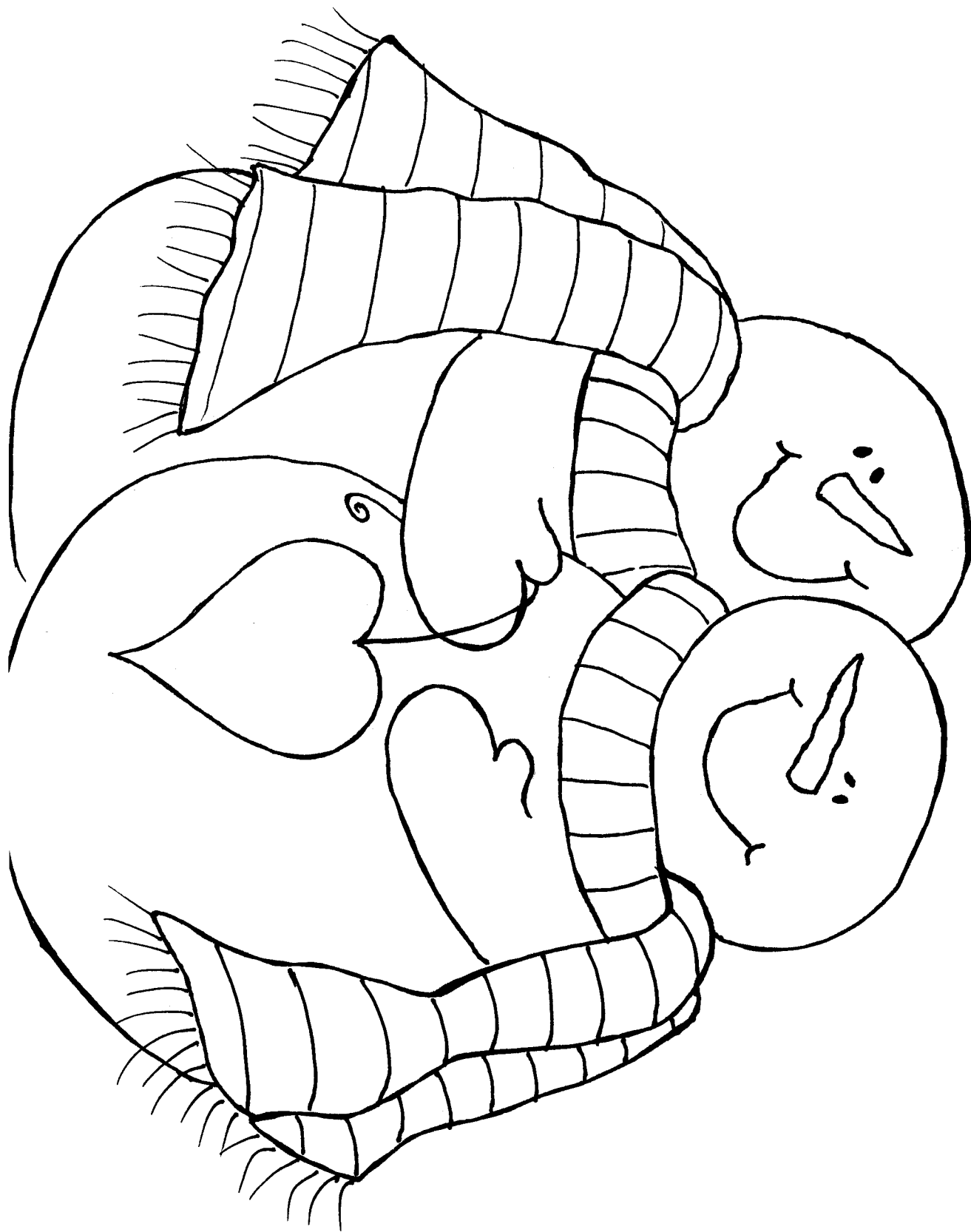
STEP 5- When this is dry, trace the rest of the pattern. Side load a # 6 round brush and shade all adjoining areas with the Jumpin Juniper almost like you are outlining everything. Apply 2 coats of Orange Crush to the noses. Apply 2 coats of Rockin Red to the heart. Sponge very little Rockin Red for the cheeks then wet your sponge, squeeze out and dab on the cheeks to soften.

STEP 6- Using the Fun Writer bottle filled with Rockin Red, apply thin lines in the scarf. Using the Fun Writer bottle filled with the Black Lab, apply eyes, mouth, outline an heart and the lettering.

STEP 7- Dip into clear glaze and fire to a shelf cone 06.

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