



Make new friends  
this winter...

...play  
outside

### What she's made of:

**Hat:** a wool hat with velvet trim (looks better on her than it ever did on me)

**Eyes:** made from trimmed arborvitae sprigs

**Hair:** dried sprigs from the Black-Eyed Susan in the garden

**Nose:** a dried and curled Japanese maple leaf

**Mouth:** fresh cranberries secured with cocktail toothpicks

**Necklace:** a continuous ribbon of orange peel

## SNOWFOLK

**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 your snowfolk.

**location:** Begin by deciding where you want your snowfolk 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 on top of one another, and pack snow around where they meet to secure. Alternately, form your snowfolk by gathering and shaping a mound of snow.

**photography:** Like people, your snowfolk 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 your creation.