Building a Snowman

Students work together as they take turns stapling together three sets of circles to make the empty body of a snowman. They take turns spinning for a number, counting out that many “snowballs”, and putting the “snowballs” into the open paper circles. When the circles are completely stuffed, the students staple the three snowman parts together to make one large snowman. Students select different features to glue on the snowman.

This activity addresses the following:

- Following directions
- Turn taking and sharing materials
- Counting
- Fine motor skills
- Alternative methods of access for each part of the activity

What you need:

- Book about a snowman
- Jelly Beamer™
- All-Turn-It® Spinner
- Construction paper
- Electric stapler
- White butcher paper
- Switch adapted battery operated scissors and switch
- Glue

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**Preparation:**

1. Cut three pairs of large circles out of white butcher paper. Each set of two paper circles should be several inches larger in diameter than the previous circle set. Paper clip each set of circles together.

2. Cut out decorations for the snowman, such as hat, eyes, mouth, nose, pipe, button, broom, arms, etc. For each snowman decoration, create a matching picture/symbol. These pictures/symbols should be approximately two inches in size, able to fit on the All-Turn-It Spinner.

3. Divide the blank side of the All-Turn-It Spinner overlay into six sections and write a number 1-6 in each section.

**What to do:**

1. Read the snowman book to the students and explain what a snowman is and that they are going to make a giant snowman out of paper! Tell students that snowmen are round, and that they are going to make their snowman round, too!

2. Students work to staple together the pairs of white circles, to be stuffed with paper snowballs. One student moves the paper or stapler, and the other student activates the Jelly Beamer switch to staple the paper.

3. Give students sheets of scrap white paper and shown how to crumple up each sheet to create a paper “snowball.” Students make paper snowballs until they have each made several.

4. Students take turns spinning for a number, counting out that many paper snowballs, and placing them in the large paper circles, stuffing the snowman until each of the three sets of circles is full! Use the switch-adapted stapler to staple each of them shut.

5. Place the snowman decoration pictures/symbols on the large overlay of the All-Turn-It Spinner, and put out the snowman decorations. Students take turns spinning for a snowman decoration picture/symbol, identifies the matching snowman decoration, and glues it on the snowman in the appropriate place.

6. When the snowman is completed, the teacher and students put it on display.