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hoarding and sorting for fall...

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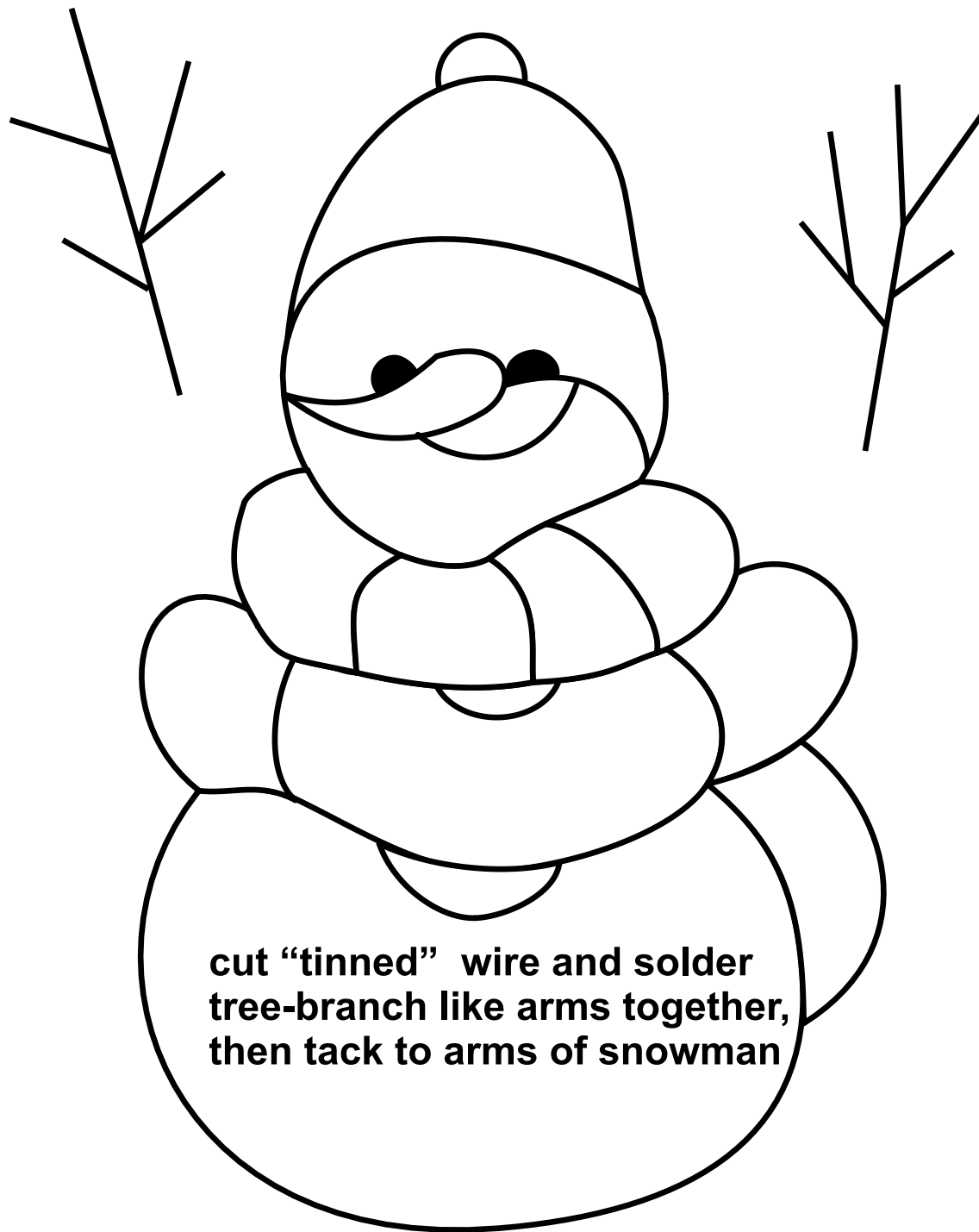
I am pretty much solar powered – likely I have verbalized this in past issues...so when the days get shorter and the nights longer my work panic increases and I become something like a small ant, running around as if to be on “speed” trying to pack all the food I can into my little “hill”. While I put in 16 hrs a days, like so many of you do, and enjoy every waking minute packed with all kinds of fun crafts and regular work, and helping kids and neighbors, I still run out of time. Sometimes it seems “painful” to shift my attention, (that is, put more than my allotted 2 minute-attention span will comfortably accept) into a project that has a deadline. I am working to overcome that “unfocused” frame of mind--- I need to finish a paper to submit by September 1, but at the same time, other requests and my own fun tasks take on a “greater pressing need” just as if they deliberately interfere with my getting my paper finished. Does this sound familiar. I wonder what part of the brain determines what projects will become PRIORITIES and what projects will rest on the BACK BURNER. For me !!! unfortunately... not all projects get treated with rational discretion and I entertain myself with not so important projects over the ones which have a more pressing NEED TO BE FINISHED!! I am allowing a, sort, wash and repack of (recycled, reused, vintage, salvaged, curb side rescue and not-so-valuable) beads for for my daughter’s site for jewelry and beads. That task is fun for me, and gives me the feeling of **‘gathering-in’**, for autumn. Instead I should be reading and re-reading the project with the deadline, and soldering up and putting zinc around two panels for clients. I still have 1000s of beads to sort out from a neighborhood collection of old jewelry, and they loom on the dining room table beaconing me to sit and mull through them, dumping the totally useless stuff, and packaging the fun things. Its AUGUST, so this means my hoarding and sorting activities intensify, a biological carryover from the need to pack things into the cellar for the upcoming winter (but not at all rational in this society). Nevertheless, it remains a very real instinct. AT any rate, the sorting of beads keeps my visual brain alive (I rationalize - to enhance my microscopy) and helps me satisfy my instinct). The issue is – how can I PRIORITIZE in a productive way?so many fun projects and so little time. THANKS TO ALL----- for your business and input, mm

new patterns for August

No excuse for the small number of patterns for August. I will have more patterns related to the holidays this month.



free pattern for August



cut "tinned" wire and solder
tree-branch like arms together,
then tack to arms of snowman

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