

# Sewing-themed Altered Puzzle Ornament

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A few seasons back I acquired a small Christmas tree to place in the window of my sewing loft. As it happens, it's a white tree, lit with white lights, and it showcases ornaments beautifully.

I've been decorating this tree with a combination of nostalgic ornaments and sewing-themed ones, both purchased and homemade.



After a jigsaw-loving friend gave me some cast-off puzzles that were missing pieces, I was inspired to create a host of nifty ornaments, and of course I couldn't resist making one for the sewing-themed tree.

To begin, I decoupaged my chosen puzzle piece front and back with red paper -- the colour of the Singer "Red S" logo -- and finished with a coat of glossy Mod Podge. I added some red glitter to give it sparkle and let it dry.





The next step was to punch holes for jump rings in selected points around the puzzle piece. I used my heavy-duty punch for this task -- a regular paper punch isn't up to the job.

For the main motif, I selected a teeny embroidered sewing machine embellishment. At 1.2" wide, it's the perfect scale for my ornament. I stitched it on wash-away stabilizer that I rinsed away once the stitching was complete.

When it was dry, I glued it in place on the front of my ornament. I also added teeny stockings and little stars, which are purchased puffy stickers.



To finish up my ornament, I added three dangles made with beads and tiny charms from my stash. I selected sewing-related charms and coloured beads that – to my eye at least – resemble thread spools.

To make the dangles, I strung the coloured beads on a short length of 20-gauge wire, spacing them with small silver beads. I used round-nosed pliers to form loops in either end of the wire, and attached a charm to one end.

Then I used a jump ring to attach the dangle to the ornament. The middle dangle features an actual thimble. I used a nail to punch a hole in the top of the thimble, then added a jingle bell "clapper". The sewing machine charm, teeny scissors, and a couple of small safety pins complete the sewing theme.

This dangly ornament looks great on my sewing room tree!! Now if I can only get Scampers to leave it alone . . .

