

# Altered Puzzle Ornaments

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When my embroidery machine was out of commission for several weeks, I kept busy making non-embroidered ornaments.

Among the ornaments I've crafted for this year are these gorgeous altered puzzle pieces. (The photos show both sides of each ornament. )

I have a stock of pieces on hand from a collector friend, including these large ones from a children's puzzle. The interesting shapes provide a perfect foundation for altered ornaments.



The pieces are decoupaged and painted, then embellished with surface decorations and beaded dangles, both of which give the ornament visual interest and movement.

The images come from wrapping paper and Christmas cards, applied using Mod Podge.

The dangles were created with beads from my stash, selected in coordinating colors and attached to the puzzle pieces with jump rings.



The sumptuous ornament at left looks pinkish in the photos, but it's actually covered with white Iridescent wrapping paper. For this one I chose embellishments and beads in tones of silver, pearl, and crystal, including snowflakes.

I love the rustic look of this buffalo check ornament, with its tiny alder cones and natural acorn dangle. I added beads in tones of brown, with a touch of red to echo the red in the check. This one is going on my own tree for sure!



After decoupageing the brick dollhouse paper on this one, I added "snow" to the upper edges using texture medium.

To make the stocking dangles, I printed the images, fussy cut them, and glued them to a double layer of black card stock.

The wreath is a circle of chenille stem decorated with tiny holly leaf spangles and red beads, glued in place with Goop. The Santa dangle is a glass bead.



Christmas wrap provided these images of Pepe LePew and Taz.



I used Mod Podge Dimensional Magic to give the faces a raised effect and a bit of shine, and I glittered the rest of the surface.

I chose beads in colors to coordinate with the colors in the wrapping paper.