

# Baby's 1<sup>st</sup> Ornaments (Parker/Raddix)

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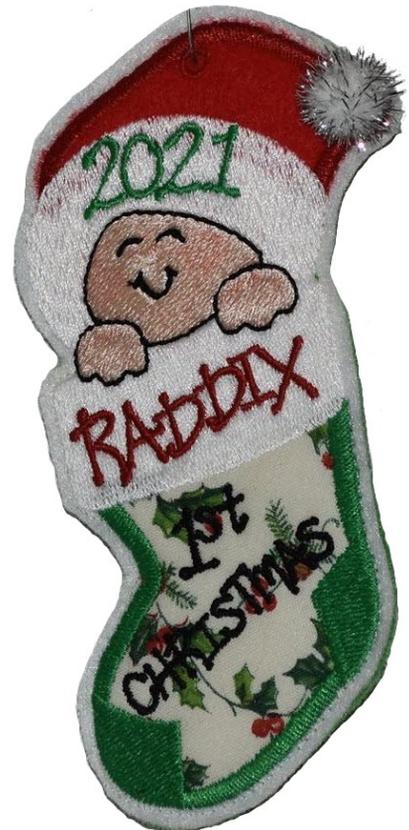
I've made several of these felt-and-applique ornaments for new babies over the past few years, but repetition doesn't diminish their charm.



This year (so far) I've made three, and it's interesting to see how a change in fabrics alters the look.

For the Santa hat, it's hard to beat a plain red, and I love the holly print that I used on the stocking part. I kept to a red and green theme for this stocking, though for a little boy I could as easily have gone with blues.

After I'd made the first one of this year's group for baby Raddix, I re-thought the size of the date, which – although it's the same size I used on all my previous versions – I now felt was a bit too large. I reduced the size for the other two ornaments.





Little Parker's grandma likes to keep one of each personalized ornament at her house, so I made two of these for him -- one for his mom's tree and one for his grandma's. I used the same colour combination as on Raddix's for the first one, but switched colours around for the second one.

It's a good idea to keep to a small scale print -- a large one would be lost on such a tiny surface. I quite like the green print on the hat, and the red stripes on the stocking are candy-cane festive. I think I'll use the stripe again next time I make one of these ornaments.

A sparkly pompom finishes off each of the ornaments, and I used a red crayon to add just a touch of blush to the cheeks and nose. It's a small thing but it really adds a nice glow to the baby's face.

If you'd like to make some of these for a new arrival in your world, you can find this design on the site, on the ITH Ornaments page.

