

Fiddle Rabbit

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I've had kind of a soft spot for bunnies and rabbits all my life, since practically the very beginning.

It's a good many years now since I've had a pet rabbit, but there's a decidedly rabbit theme to many of my knick-knacks and figurines. And also -- of course -- to many of my Christmas ornaments.



Purchased at the thrift store or handmade, it seems I can't resist an adorable bunny ornament to add to my tree.

Apparently I can't resist the homely ones either.



This 1981 “Friendly Fiddler” bunny ornament is one of those. He sure isn’t exactly cute; actually, he’s weird looking for a rabbit, with those front-facing eyes (rabbits’ eyes are positioned more to the side).

Nevertheless, when I spotted one of them at the thrift shop a few days ago, I just had to bring him home.



My bunny didn’t come in his original box, but I don’t mind. I can live without that. More to the point, though, he was missing his bow. Maybe that’s why he ended up in the thrift store in the first place.

A bow is kind of essential if he’s going to play that fiddle, but despite its being missing, I took him anyway. I was confident that making a new bow would be a fairly easy fix.



I began by looking him up on line so I could see what the bow actually looks like.



Seems as though it’s just a stick. I think I have the perfect substitute, and it’s just the right size too: one of those ornate toothpicks with a decorative end. I can blunt the other end by snipping off the point, and lightly smooth the cut edge with an emery board.



The Friendly Fiddler's original bow is slightly darker, so I stained the new one with a bit of watered-down brown paint. It looks great!



There was already a hole through the bunny's hand where the original bow had been mounted, so I could simply slide the new bow into position. I added a touch of tacky glue into the hand and another in the area where the bow had rested against his scarf. One more dot of glue at the edge of the fiddle, and the new bow is held securely in place. Now he can get back to that ceilidh!



When I was checking on line to see what his bow looked like, I found an ad listing one of these ornaments for \$29 USD (on sale) – in Canadian funds, that's about \$41 and change. And there would be shipping charges as well, which in my experience usually runs anywhere from \$15 to \$25. So to bring him to my door would have cost at least \$56 to \$66 CAD. Not that I'd have made the purchase for that price, of course.

I'm happy to report that I was able to bring him home for only \$2, all in. (There's no sales tax at the thrift store, and obviously no shipping cost either.)

1981 Friendly Fiddler Rabbit

On Sale: \$29.00
Retail Price: \$36.00
Your Savings: \$7.00 (19%)

In Stock and Ready to Ship

Part Number: SALEQX4342

Quantity

ADD TO CART

Right now my Friendly Fiddler is happily ensconced on my knick-knack shelf, where he'll patiently wait until he finds a place on the Christmas tree next December.