

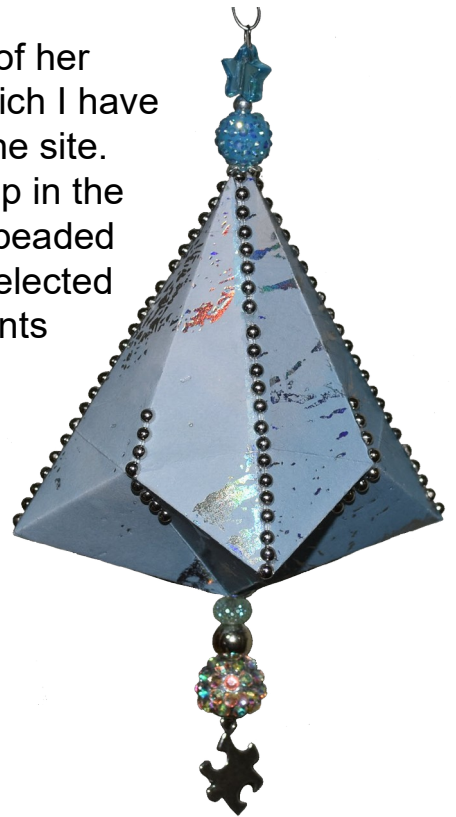
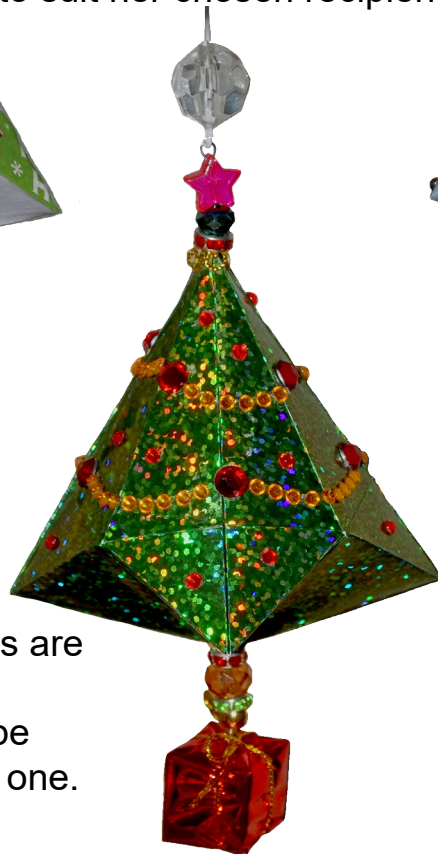
# Gwen's Baubles

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I love making Christmas ornaments, but I'm not a patch on my sister Gwen, whose gorgeous baubles turn my head each year when the parcel arrives. This year's lovely origami-style ornaments are made from luxurious papers, intricately folded and bejewelled. Her artist's eye and her deft fingers make each one a work of beauty.

You might recognize some of her ornaments as German bells, which I have written about previously on the site. Gwen's eye for detail shows up in the surface embellishments and beaded charms, which are specially selected to suit her chosen recipients



All of her ornaments are beautiful, but my favourite just may be this Christmas tree one.

The bell above was made for a jigsaw enthusiast – hence the puzzle piece charm.

The German bells look equally good when turned point-down and embellished that way.



Or they can be made up as “double” bells, each constructed from two of the shapes, made with coordinating papers and joined together. Cool.



Some of the other ornaments are so intricately folded that I couldn't even guess how they're made.

Changing the paper really alters the effect of these gorgeous ornaments.

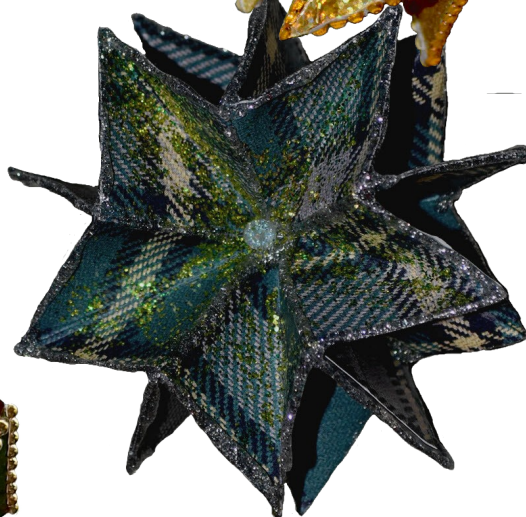
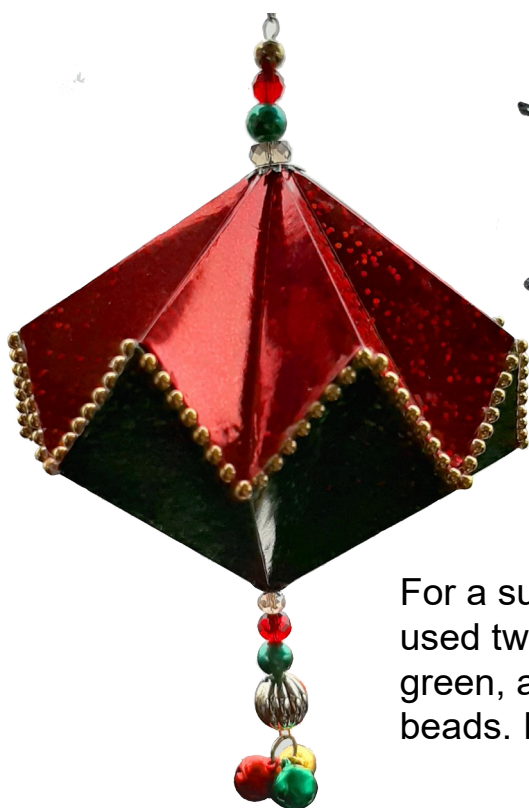
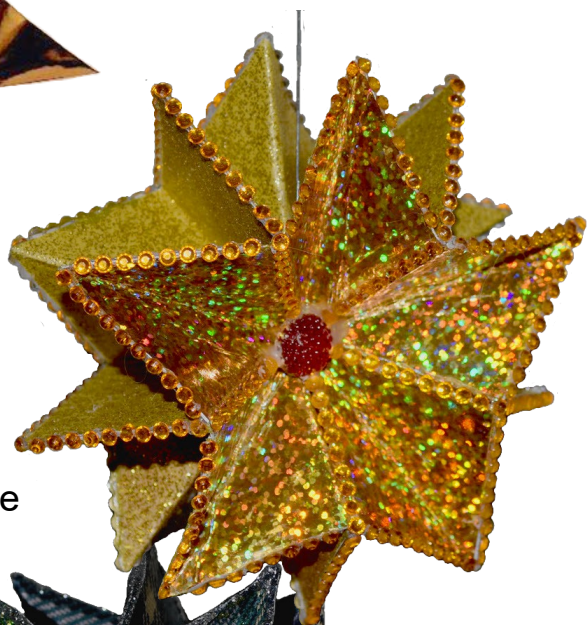


I just love the look, and they're just as stunning either way up.



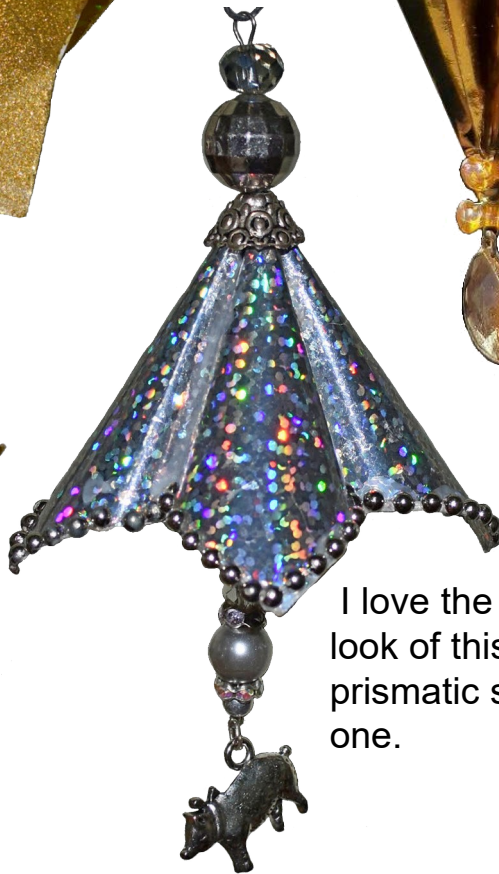
Here are two of the same style as on the previous page, made with different coloured foils and hung in different orientations. Both are gorgeous.

These 3-dimensional stars look beautiful whether made from a single paper or from two different prints.



For a super Christmassy effect, Gwen has used two metallic card stocks in red and green, and trimmed with gold-coloured fused beads. I love this one.

Here are just a few more of Gwen's beautiful ornaments, lovingly crafted and deftly finished.



I love the elegant look of this prismatic silver one.

I'm so very lucky to be on Gwen's gift list and look forward each year to seeing what she's come up with.