

More Ornaments for Louise

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Back in August, I sent the first instalment of my handmade ornaments that friend Louise requested for her gift-giving this year. By November, I'd made another dozen or so to add to the group, with a mix of embroidered and photo button ornaments.

First up is this Victoria BC ornament, meant to commemorate a friend's first visit to the west coast city. Her group purposely selected a Canadian destination, so Louise and I wanted to incorporate the maple leaf into the ornament along with

the personalization. I suggested this customizable crest ornament design, which can be adapted to pretty much any destination or event by changing the applique fabric and captions.

This ornament, appliqued with BC provincial tartan and embroidered with the city and year, will make a

lovely memento of a special set of firsts for Louise's friend: a first travel adventure with friends, a first glimpse of the Pacific, and a first visit to lovely Victoria.



Next, Louise wanted a suitable ornament for a young mom who was recently widowed.

Louise suggested a dove or an angel, and together we selected this lovely lace dove from Embroidery Library, which stitched out beautifully. (I'm not affiliated with Embroidery Library in any way, but I like their work; they do have many beautiful designs, including a host of freestanding lace)

Louise loves the lace dove, and I'm sure her young friend will be touched by her thoughtful gesture.





Another customizable ornament filled the bill for two of Louise's additional requests. Like the Maple Shield, this Applique Heart ornament can be customized for almost any person or occasion by varying the applique fabric and personalizations.

One of Louise's good friends retired this year, so she wanted to mark the occasion with a suitable bauble. I took my cue from her remark that he loves his new status, and offered the heart ornament. Louise enthusiastically approved.

For the applique fabric, I selected a small-scale buffalo check print, then added an appropriate caption, along with her friend's name and the year.

The back of the Applique Heart ornament is normally plain, but there's plenty of room there to add additional customization, as I did here.

These versatile ornaments are almost infinitely customizable, making them perfect for nearly any occasion.



The Applique Heart is a case in point: turns out it's an ideal choice for a 1st Christmas ornament. The front displays the baby's name and the year, and there's enough room on the back of the ornament to record the baby's weight and birthday, as Louise wanted.

The Nova Scotia Tartan fabric adds a touch of blue, just right for a baby boy.

Photo buttons are also ideal for making personalized ornaments, since you can feature nearly any image(s) or captions you can imagine.

This medical-themed “Future Nurse” ornament will go to a young friend currently enrolled in a nursing program, working toward her RN designation.



Louise and I both like the simplicity of Ellen’s “wood slice” ornament, with its plain plain cord trim, but what really makes it pop are the coloured jingle bells along the bottom.



Her friend from the Rock will love this one, with its map of home and its image of the iconic colourful rowhouses of St John’s.



Who doesn’t like these faux stained glass images that are all the rage these days? Louise’s friend is sure to love this tribute to his beloved golden retriever.



Like Louise herself, her friend James loves foxes, and Louise particularly liked this image. James’ ornament features the same image on both sides.

Little Winnie was born last December, so – although she is still a baby – 2025 will actually be her *second* Christmas. To adapt the Baby’s 1st Christmas ornament, I omitted the caption and substituted a simple heart motif. The red heart really pops against the green fabric, and picks up the red of the hat.



“Chewie” is a brown labradoodle, so this tiny dog stuffie in his own mini stocking is perfect. I designed the dog stuffie a couple of years ago, so all I had to do was stitch the whole thing up with a new name.

Finally, Louise also asked for two customized Cape Breton applique ornaments. I added the place name (Loch Lomond) on the front, along with a star showing the approximate location of the community, and added personalizations to the back.

This one reads “Christmas 2025”, while the second features the names of the young couple Louise will be gifting.



And that’s it until next year. Louise will have lots of fun distributing all of the customized ornaments to all her peeps, and we’re both looking forward to doing it all again in 2026.

But in the meantime . . .

Louise has had such a good time dreaming up ornament ideas for others that it seemed a shame she wouldn't be able to keep any of them for her own enjoyment. So, in addition to all the ornaments I created for her to give out, I also made a couple more as gifts for her to keep.

Louise loves foxes, so I know she'll like these two ornaments.

The first is this lovely framed button ornament. Louise has been quite taken with these faux stained glass-style images, so it seemed fitting to create a fox-themed version for her. She's going to love the framed effect.



Louise will also certainly enjoy this geodesic ball ornament with yet another fox image repeated in a kind of kaleidoscope. I really like this style of ornament myself, but I've never made one for her before now.

I think she'll find it intriguing.

Louise has been in ill health recently, and she doesn't put up a tree anymore, but she does still love the ornaments. These two can be displayed year-round, and will brighten her days for Christmas and beyond.