

Marvin KABOOM Ornament

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On my trip to the thrift store last week, I found some Looney Tunes figures, including Marvin the Martian from the recent McDonald's release of basketball-themed Happy Meal toys.

I dislike basketball, and I hear that the movie being promo'd is terrible, but I did have a use for Marvin. With a little modification, he'll make a perfect ornament for the Looney Tunes tree in our family room!



My Marvin was missing the little basketball -- which was fine by me, since I would have removed it in any case. That left his space weapon a little stunted, so I needed to add a replacement barrel.

Luckily I had just the thing on hand: an orange electrical cap.



I trimmed down the plastic protrusion that had held the basketball in position, just enough to fit the the electrical cap over top, and used Goop to glue it in place. Then I added a screw-eye to the top of his helmet so I'll be able to attach a Christmas tree hook. Looks good so far.



But I wasn't finished yet! I wanted to add a special dangle to make my Marvin ornament complete, so I used my software to overlay one of Marvin's iconic sayings on an image of an explosion.

To add this to the ornament, I sized the image to fit a 1.5" button and printed two. I punched holes at the top and bottom of the button parts, to accommodate jump rings, then made up the buttons as usual, but without the pinbacks.



I glued the two buttons back-to-back using Goop. Once they were dry, I glued a sparkly beaded braid into the recess around the perimeter, again using Goop.

Ta Da! My Marvin the Martian ornament is going to look great on the Looney Tunes tree. Even DH has given this one his stamp of approval! And my sister gave it



rave reviews too, requesting that Santa bring a Marvin Kaboom ornament to her hubby as well.

Good thing I had a second figurine!



As it happens, this isn't the first Marvin ornament I've made from a Happy Meal figure: years ago, after the first *Space Jam* movie, they released the toy below (left). To make him into an ornament, I removed the base and replaced the basketball with a tiny metal globe that I happened to have



on hand. It's a perfect fit in more ways than one: Marvin standing proudly atop the planet earth strikes me as oh-so-appropriate.