

# Matchbox Ornaments

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Each Christmas, I make new crafty ornaments for friends and family. Among this year's offerings are these nifty matchbox ornaments.

Each box in this collection was handmade with a printed tartan sleeve, and can be opened to reveal the memento inside. Mine contain a sign that reads "Cape Breton Christmas".

The embellishments on the outside of the boxes are ones I made myself.

These 1" tall free-standing lobster motifs were digitized and embroidered specifically for these ornaments, since I wanted mini lobsters and couldn't find any to fit the boxes.



I also added medallions made from flattened bottle caps that I painted green. For the indentation in the centre of the flattened cap, I printed a Cape Breton medallion image, and glued it to the centre.

Once the decoupage image had dried, I filled the indentation with Mod Podge Dimensional Magic to give it a glossy finish.





The insides of matchbox ornaments can be decorated with suitable images and baubles of our choosing.

For these Cape Breton-themed boxes, I covered the inside with a layer of iridescent glitter, and built up a bank of textured fake snow. To finish, I stuck a small sign in the snowbank that read either "Cape Breton Christmas" or "Home of our (Hearts)".

The little signs are visible only when the ornaments are opened, so add a little something extra.

The matchbox ornaments can be made from actual boxes that you paint or decoupage with paper, or you can custom-make your own, as I did for these.

