

Matching Mini Stocking #2

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Last summer I posted a discussion of the Mini Stocking ornaments that I made to coordinate with Christmas stockings I'd made for a friend's new grandson and his sister. How cute!

Well, I've done it again! This time I've made a Mini Stocking ornament to go with the Snowman sack-style stocking that I made

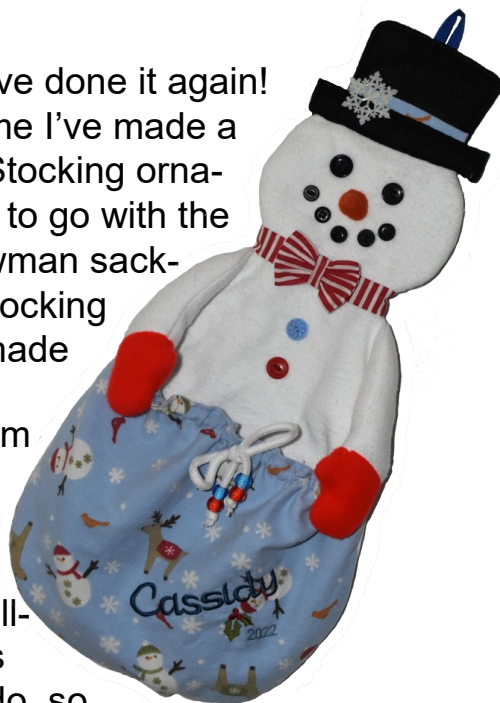
for Callie and Austin's newborn cousin: a replica of the one I made for Cassidy's mom when she was a little girl herself.

I wanted the Mini Stocking Ornament to coordinate

thematically with the full-sized stocking, just as Callie's and Austin's do, so

I selected this Mini Snowman Face Stocking for Cassidy.

The striped scarf is made by stitching with variegated thread, but I didn't have a red/white combination, so for Cassidy's version I ended up stitching it in plain red. I wanted to add the baby's name to the stocking, but there's really no room along the top for the name, so I also shortened the scarf ends just a touch so that I could fit it along the bottom.





I stitched the date (shortened to “22” for space reasons) in white thread; that way it can be seen but doesn’t dominate.

I would normally put a contrasting toy such as this candy cane into this style of stocking, but in this case I decided to go with the dominant theme and add another Snowman. When I set about to make him, I discovered that I did have



some red/white variegated thread after all, so I ended up using that for his scarf and toque.



I just love the idea that the mini toys and the main stockings coordinate in this way, and I think it’s the kind of thing that will appeal to little ones. And to not

so little ones: when I talked to her yesterday and mentioned that I had just finished these items for Cassidy, my sister recalled how much she loved the mini stockings when she was a kid, and said how much she too likes the match between the stockings and the minis. Her nostalgia, and my own instincts, lead me to trust that for Cassidy, and for her cousins too, these little touches will be woven into lifelong memories of childhood Christmases. What a lovely notion to cherish as we head into the season.