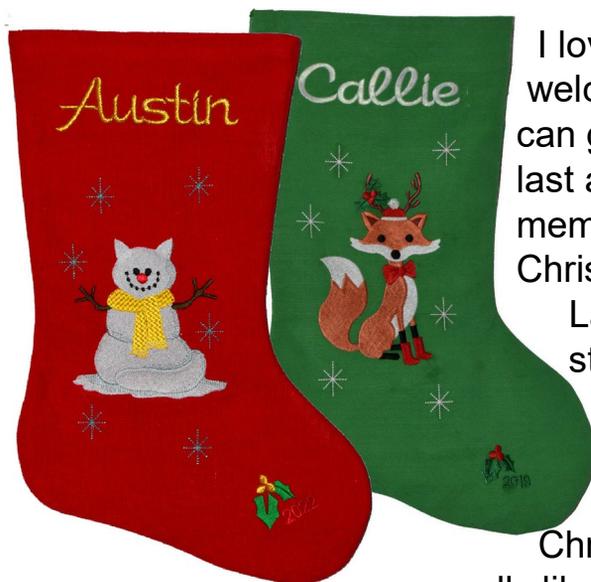


# Matching Mini Stocking Ornament

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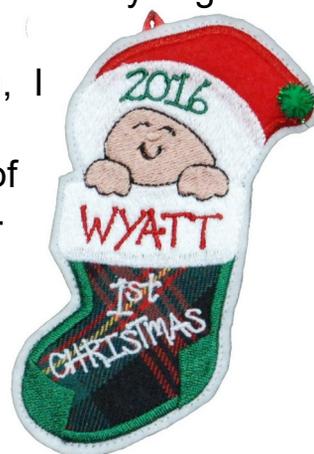
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I love giving Christmas stockings as welcome gifts for a new baby; they can go on to be heirlooms that will last a lifetime, accruing additional rich memories with each successive Christmas.

Last week I posted about the two stockings I made for my friends' grandchildren, one in 2019, and the other just a few days ago.

Along with the Christmas stocking, I generally like to include a special ornament for the new baby, such as one of my "Baby's First Christmas" ornaments, personalized with the baby's name and year of birth.



For a couple of reasons, though, I decided to do mini stocking ornaments for Callie and Austin instead. I chose these partly because I had made one of them for their mom, way back when she was a little girl, and it was one of her favourite ornaments as a kid.



Back then, I didn't have an embroidery machine, so I sewed the mini sock on the sewing machine, adding felt holly motifs and fabric-painted name and date. She still has the little sock, though it's somewhat the worse for wear now. (I suspect her own mom laundered it. Oops! You should never launder felt!)

Once I'd decided on making the mini stockings, I also drew inspiration from the animal motifs that I used on the fronts of the full-sized stockings.

I thought it would be a fun touch to choose mini toys to match those motifs: a white cat toy for Austin's mini stocking and a fox toy for Callie's.



I love the match-up between the mini toys and the main motifs on the stockings. It's the kind of thing my sister and I would have found fascinating as kids.



I used red and green felt, to match the large stockings, and the same font (Sahara) for the names, then matched the holly motifs to the ones that appear on the toes of the large socks.

I like to think that the stockings, and these little ornaments that go with them, will become an integral part of Christmas for the children as they gather memories they will treasure for the rest of their lives.