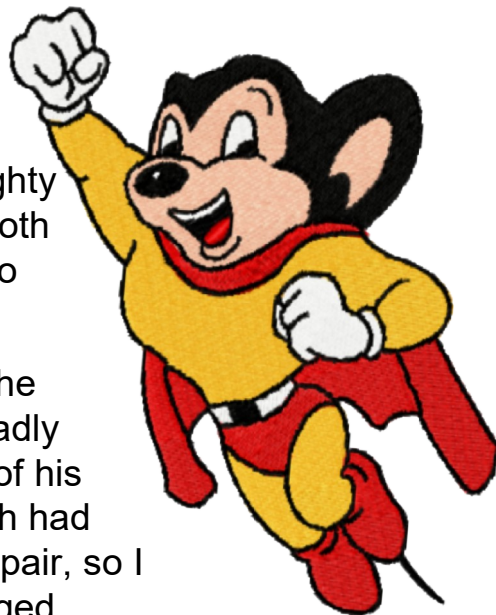


Mighty Mouse Makeover

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During one of our Christmas reminiscences a while back, my friend retrieved an ornament that he had been given some years before: Mighty Mouse from Carleton Cards. As kids, we had both loved the cartoon, and my friend couldn't wait to show off the ornament.



What a disappointment when he took it out of the box, only to discover that Mighty Mouse was badly injured: he had lost one of his hands and both of his feet; he still had his head and his cape, but both had worked loose. MM was in desperate need of repair, so I offered my services to see if he could be salvaged.



Back at home, I set to work bringing Mighty Mouse back to health. First of all, I re-glued the head/cape into place. (Many of these specialty ornaments are prone to failing over time, but if you have kept the bits, they are usually easy to reattach with a decent glue. For this part of the repair, I used GOOP).

Next, I got out the polymer clay to shape a new fist and new feet. Using white Sculpey, I recreated the right hand/fist as a mirror image of the existing left hand, rolling short "snakes" of clay to form fingers and wrapping them around a small ball that formed the hand. That done, I smoothed the whole thing to finish the fist. (Like many cartoon characters, Mighty Mouse has only three fingers). A final clay "snake" makes the cuff.



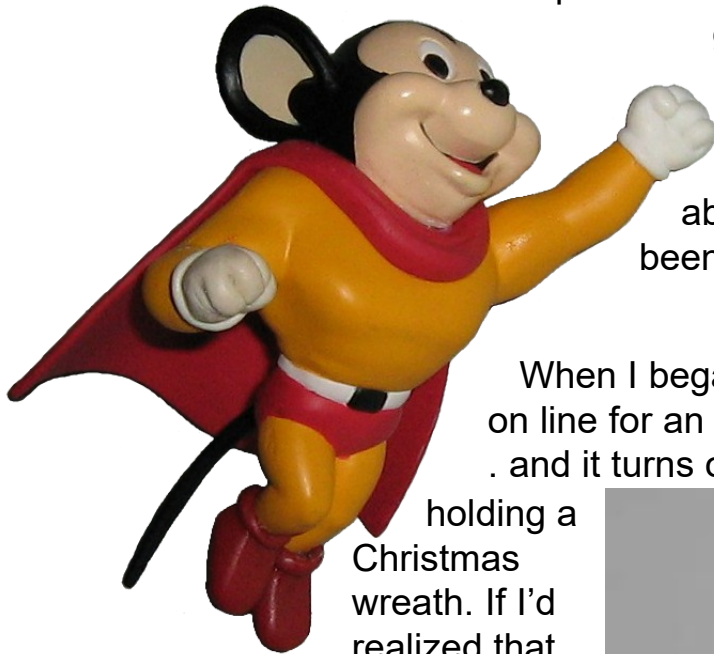
The next step was to mold feet, for which I used red polymer clay (I believe it was FIMO this time). I based them on an image of Mighty Mouse that I found on line, and they were fairly straightforward to make: basically they were more or less egg-shaped, and topped again with a rolled cuff piece. I baked the clay shapes until they were firm and let them cool. Once I had the fist completed and the feet made, I was able to



glue them into place using GOOP.

Mighty Mouse looks great, and my friend was thrilled. He said that if he hadn't previously known about the damage, he'd never have been able to tell that the ornament had ever been repaired.

When I began writing up this project, I looked on line for an image of the original ornament . . . and it turns out that Mighty Mouse should be



holding a Christmas wreath. If I'd realized that,

I'd certainly have created a little wreath as part of my repair, but at the time, I didn't think to look him up on line.



I offered to add the missing wreath, but my friend says he's happy with his ornament as it is. I think the main thing to him is that it evokes memories of the cartoon we watched as little kids, and the wreath isn't really important for that.

So our little super hero will remain wreathless as he flies about the Christmas tree righting wrongs and generally saving the day. As for me, I'm just super happy to have restored my friend's special ornament.