

Beaded Spiral Minnie Ornament

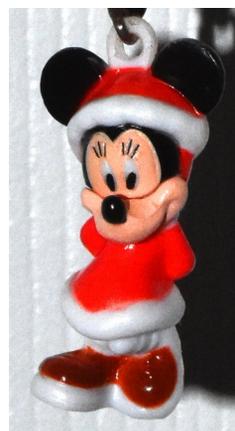
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To help keep myself busy during the COVID-19 outbreak, I've been creating new ornaments for next Christmas, including some for my friend's Ornament of the Month project.

I've had this teeny Minnie/Mickey figurine for a couple of months now, and I decided it was time to incorporate it into an ornament for my friend, who loves The Mouse.

The figure is too small (standing about 1.5" tall) to be an ornament on its own, but just the right size for one of my beaded spirals.



I love these spiral ornaments --- they're full of colour and movement, and they're a fun way to use up random items from a bead stash. A look at the photo will show that I used a variety of beads, including a few novelty ones. There's even a bow-shaped one near the top of the ornament. I know my friend is going to love this!

Picking out the beads, then arranging them in order, is the part of this project that takes the most time. But the actual work is fun, and I love the look.

At right are just two of the ones I've previously made.

If I'm starting with a character, as in the Minnie ornament or this Daffy example, I like to choose beads and dangles in coordinating colours.

You can of course make one of these without a figurine – the one at far right uses a large bead for the bottom dangle.



I've saved up a few of the wire spirals from discarded notebooks and teacher's plan books, and since each ornament takes only 4 or so loops, I can get several ornaments from one coil.