

Mr. Piper Ornament

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I seem to be in ornament mode lately, and after I stitched the Mr Piper T-shirt for my friend's birthday (see my project for May 14th), I couldn't resist making an ornament for my tree based on the children's TV show that I loved as a kid.

Just as I did for the T-shirt, I started with the logo from the show -- the cartoon face of Mr. Piper and the lettering of his name. But how to make them work as an ornament?

I knew I could keep the face and hat more or less as-is, though I'd need to alter the position of the flower to keep it within the boundary of the ornament. To incorporate the lettering, I decided to add a curled banner beneath the chin. And for a Christmas touch, I added a sprig of holly to one side of the banner.



My finished Mr Piper ornament is approximately 3.75" high and 3.5" wide -- just about the perfect size for the tree. See the finished ornament on the next page.



The face and hat are applied onto a base of white felt, and I added the flower to the hat; his rosy cheeks were added with a touch of red crayon after stitching was complete. To accommodate the name, I borrowed the banner idea from a couple of previous ornaments. The holly detail is embroidered.

My ornament is backed with black felt, which I left plain. I didn't add a date to this ornament, but if I had wanted to do that, I'd have stitched the date on the back piece prior to starting the rest of the ornament. I might also have made the ornament two-sided by reversing the design (except the caption) and stitching it a second time, leaving off the backing on both stitch-outs and gluing the two stitch-outs together using tacky glue.



As it is, I didn't think it needed a reverse image. I'm tickled pink with this ornament, which brings back happy memories of childhood for me. RIP, Alan Crofoot.