

## Ornament Faves III: Looney Tunes

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Epiphany having come and gone, we've been taking down the holiday decor. It's a process we embrace, because it gives us a chance to enjoy all our beautiful ornaments once more before they go into storage until next year. Among the treasures we've been packing away are the ornaments from the Looney Tunes tree in the office/family room.

There are over 300 ornaments on this tree, and better than half are handmades, so as we pack them up again, I thought it might be fun to do another "favourites" post, since the Looney Tunes ornaments were left out of my previous discussions.

First up is this flat glass ball ornament showing Sylvester Junior, who is hands-down DH's favourite LT character. Mine too. Junior, dressed in an oversized Santa hat, seems to float in the centre of the ball – a neat effect.

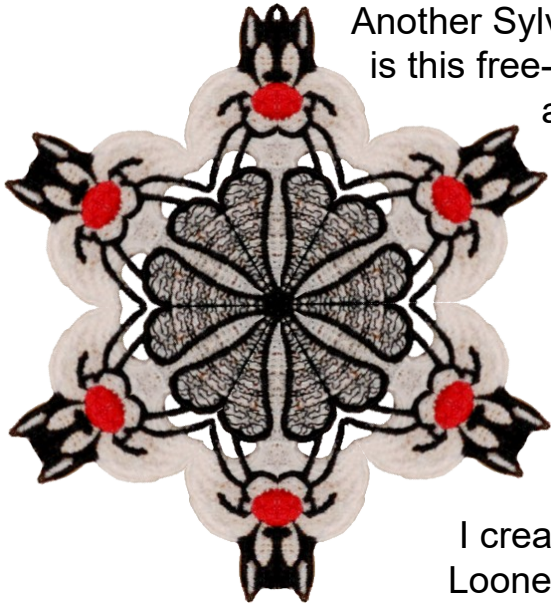


Oddly, given how beloved he is, Sylvester Junior ornaments are all but impossible to find.

But – no surprise – our tree includes a dozen or so, all of them handmade, including this adorable embroidered Junior clutching a Christmas stocking, and this sweet shrink art version with beads and holly embellishments.

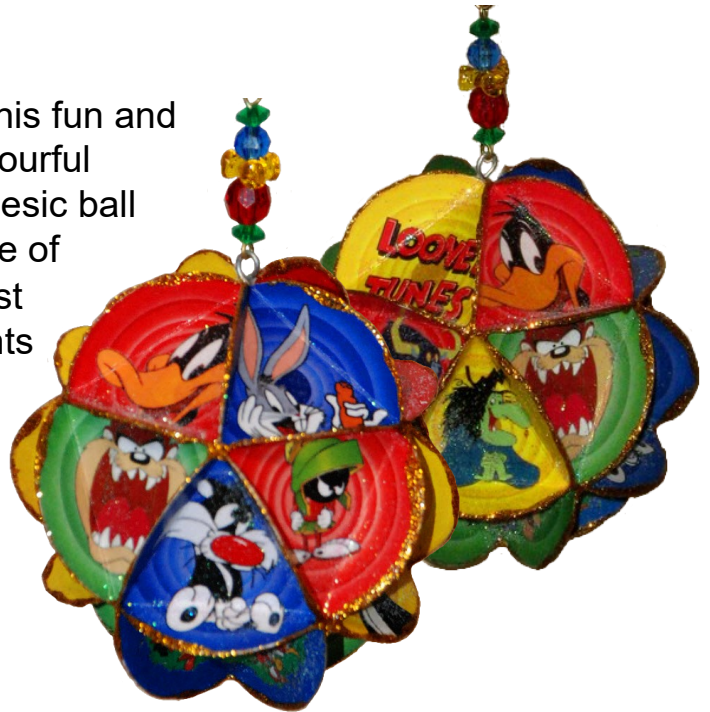


Another Sylvester-based favourite – Sylvester senior this time -- is this free-standing lace snowflake – the only one in the world, and like most of our handmades, unique to our tree.



This fun and colourful geodesic ball is one of the first ornaments

I created for our Looney Tunes tree: it's still one of my favourites.



We both really like the 3D effects on this button-style Marvin ornament – a UFO in relief against a luminous sky, and a framed Marvin cameo on a shallow concave prismatic background. I crafted the UFO dangle from two metal buttons and a translucent green bead.



DH loves miniatures, and he really likes these printed LP sleeves, which actually have removable miniature records inside . . . how cute is that?! (Unfortunately, we don't own the actual albums.)



Witch Hazel shows up in several cartoons, but she doesn't appear in many ornaments.



I liked this character as a kid, so I wanted to add her to our tree. She sure looks delighted with her decorated broom. I just love the expression on her face.

This is one of only two handmade ornaments that made DH laugh out loud when he saw it.



This Wile E flame cameo, also a favourite, is the other.



To our delight, we have been able to add some of the more obscure characters to our tree with these decoupage hardboard shapes, cut out on a scroll saw. At the time when I made the Marc Anthony ornament, there were no commercial ornaments of him.

There is still no commercial ornament of Rocky and Mugsy. This one makes *me* laugh out loud.





I've made several of these hardboard frame ornaments for the Looney Tunes tree, but this one is our favourite! The moment from "Gift Wrapped" goes by so fast that you don't quite catch this expression cross Sylvester's face. Hilarious for those of us who kind of wished he would catch insolent Tweety.

We love this pretty glitter ball of Pussyfoot, Marc Anthony's minor character who doesn't appear in commercial ornaments. She's a welcome addition to our tree.



This funny ornament has Wile E Coyote trapped in a crate of "practice bombs" from his favourite supplier, Acme.

The crate is a printed matchbox, and the Wile E figure is fussy-cut from card stock.

Finally, here is DH's absolute favourite from among all the handmade Looney Tunes ornaments: this diorama house featuring Sylvester and Junior together. I have to admit it's one of my own faves too.



We love our themed Looney Tunes tree, with its large percentage of handmade ornaments. Unique and often quirky, they help to make our tree distinctively our own, in a way that purchased ornaments – however gorgeous – just can't do. We treasure all of them, and each year, we can't wait to unpack them again.