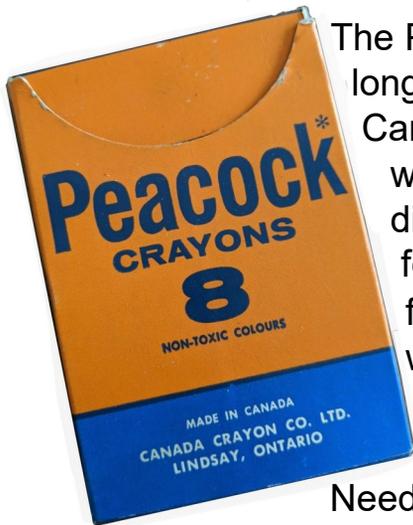


Peacock Crayons Mini

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My sister Nita was quite taken with this miniature box of crayons ornament while browsing on line. I thought about buying it for her, but then hesitated because, back when we were in school, we used a different kind of crayons. Instead of Crayolas, we had the 8-packs of Peacock Crayons, a Canadian brand out of Lindsay, Ontario.

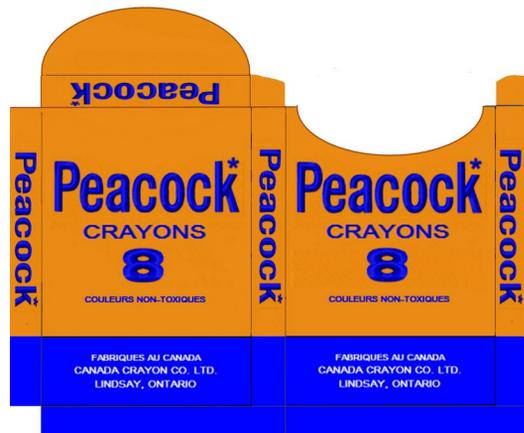


The Peacock brand is long gone now; Canada Crayon Co

was bought out decades ago. But their distinctive orange/blue pack remains iconic for us, and a fond memory of childhood. So I figured that a mini box of Peacock crayons would make a better ornament for my sister's tree – and for my own – than the Crayola one.

Needless to say there is no such thing available commercially, and since I love an ornament challenge, I decided to make my own.

My first task was to recreate the box, which I based on a vintage pack of these crayons that I own. I sized the box template and printed it on card-stock, then scored the fold lines and fussy-cut it out and assembled it using tacky glue.



To make the crayons, I cut eight lengths of 3/16" dowel, then used a pencil sharpener to point one end of each dowel segment, and painted them with acrylic paints.

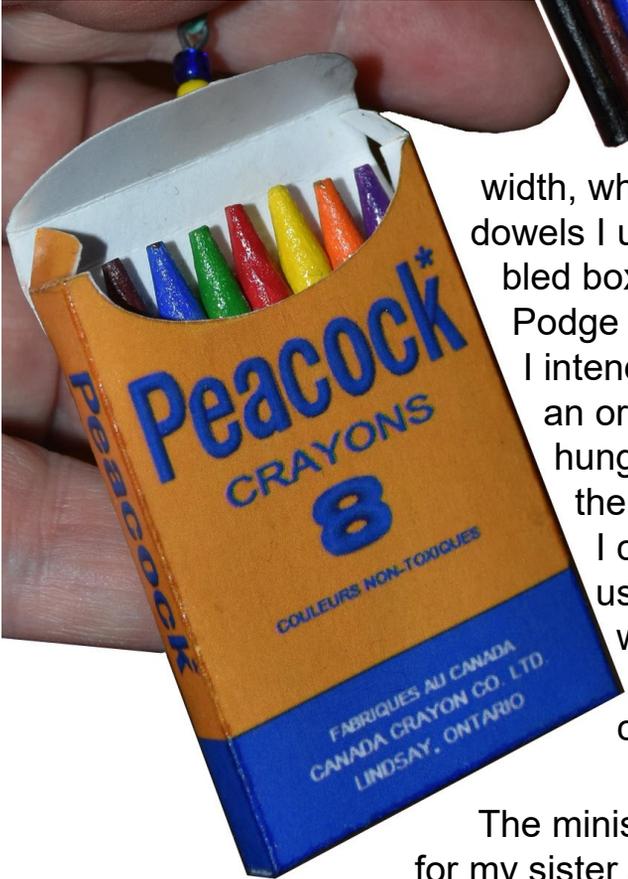
I glued the painted crayons together to form a single unit, which could be slid into the assembled box.



It took a bit of fiddling to get the box print-out sized to just fit the crayons, but I

finally settled on a 4" width, which is right for the 3/16" dowels I used. I gave the assembled box a skim coat of Mod Podge to protect the surface.

I intended my miniature to be an ornament, which could be hung with flap open so that the crayons can be seen, so I constructed a beaded unit using craft wire strung with beads in the same colours as the crayons inside.



The minis I made for my sister and myself are the only two of these ornaments in existence. Their uniqueness makes them special of course, but they are extra meaningful to us because they are also a treasured memento of childhood and of Christmases past.

