Tiny TVs
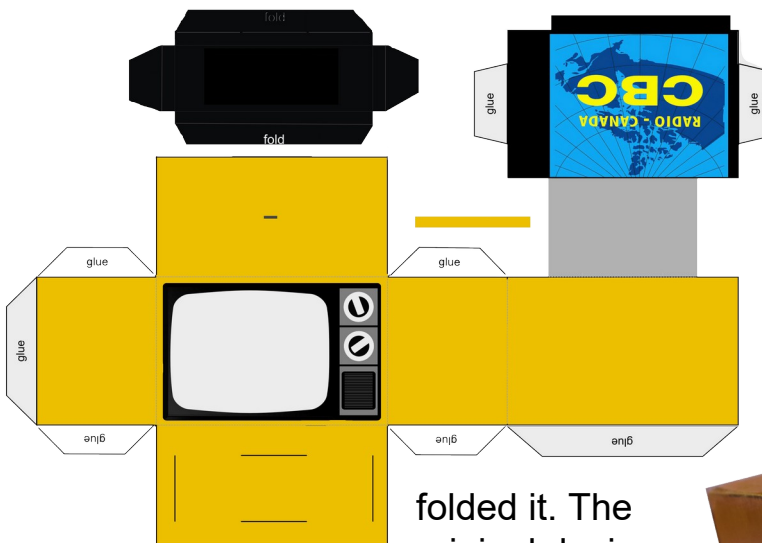
Back before the pandemic, I was browsing at our local museum when I noticed these adorable mini television ornaments. When I returned make a purchase, they were sold out, and I didn't see them again until recently, when I spotted them on line.

Being in ornament-making mode, I didn't make the purchase this time either; I decided instead to see if I could create my own version.

I found a template on line that I used as a basis for my little TVs (browse "paper toys – TV" to find this or another of several options).

I made a few minor adjustments to the design and added the images I wanted, then printed the design on 110lb cardstock. After scoring on the fold lines, I cut out the design and pre-folded it. The original design had a slightly recessed image panel, an effect I quite like, so I cut away the front opening and glued in a piece of clear plastic salvaged from some packaging, then let the glue dry thoroughly.

Once the glue had dried, I folded the model to check the assembly. I added a tiny loop to the top of the TV before I glued it together, so that I could insert a jump ring and a hook for hanging. (If you are making a knickknack rather than an ornament, you can skip the loop and leave the top smooth.)

As an optional step, I inserted some pieces of corrugated cardboard into the interior before gluing the final panel into place, to help the little TV keep its shape.

Of course, my mini TV ornaments are not identical to the commercial ones I saw at the museum, but I'm happy with them. First, of course, they are handmade -- something both DH and I like on our trees. Even better, making them myself means I can personalize them with a special image for each recipient (love that!).

So far I've made four of these TVs, but I suspect I may be creating a few more before I'm done. My sister plans on making a couple for people on her list too. I think they're going to look adorable on the tree!