

Beaded Photo Ornaments

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Note- the two ornaments on the left are made with photographs. The tree and ornament on the right are images printed on clear acetate. Gold and silver paper where layered behind.

I just love making things around the holidays for family and friends. This project can be adapted in so many ways to fit almost anyone on your list. You can make it into a tag, loop around a bottle of wine, mail with a card or add to a store gift card.

Supplies

Image of choice or clipart
Double sided adhesive sheet ([Wondertape](#) by Ranger)
Double sided [adhesive](#)
Velvet [Paper](#) (some refer to as suede paper)
Clear Micro Beads (Judikins)
Nesting die cut shapes
Ribbon or string for hanging
Border Stickers ([Starform](#))

(For images on the right- Inkjet printable acetate, Silver or gold paper that is attached to the acetate with an additional piece of wonder tape)

Select an image, you can have a color photo, black & white, or one with a vintage sepia feel. You can also use classic holiday clipart. Dover publications is a great source. They carry vintage advertisements, children sleigh riding etc. So much to choose from. Of course you can also use an old greeting card for this technique.

For this project I used Spellbinder's Dies but you could use whatever shape cutters you have that come in varying sizes. Based on the image you are using, decide what shape and

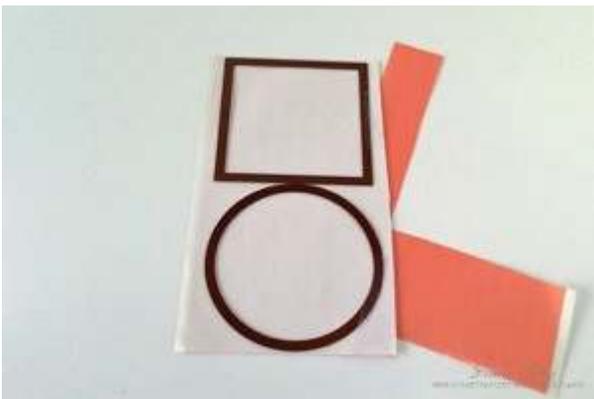
size you will use. I wanted the detail of the photo to stand out so I scanned it and increased the contrast a bit. Then I couldn't decide on the black & white with velvet or the sepia with gold- so I made both!



-Using the outside of the die as a guide, cut photo with scissors.



-Cut the Wonder tape using the die cut. I find cutting from the back works best as the orange layer can be a bit stretchy and sometimes not cut crisply.



-You want to center the wonder tape on to the picture. Fold and crease back about a 1/2 inch of the white backing, exposing the sticky part. Once the shape is centered on the image, press down that half inch of exposed tape then peel away the rest.



-Peel off the orange layer, exposing the adhesive on top and pour the micro beads. Press all around to make sure you have good solid coverage

-I wanted a wider border than the die cuts I owned could provide so I used my Creative memories cutters for the circle ornament. Cut the outside circle out of velvet paper. Cut another circle out of black velvet to use for backing. (and paper trimmer for the square ornament) Cut the inside circle from the front piece of velvet with the Spellbinder die, now you will have a donut shape.



-Center the beaded image to the back side of the black velvet and tape with double sided adhesive. Tuck a beaded loop or ribbon on the back of the image for hanging.

-Using thin Wonder Tape, tape around edge of image and layer the donut shaped velvet on top.

-Add border stickers for a finishing touch.