

Ornament Instructions

In your kit you will find basic materials, instructions and ideas for completing your ornaments. Be creative and make these ornaments personalized for your family. Feel free to use your own materials and finish them in your own way. The finished product pictures on the website and on the sheet included are just suggested examples. We would love you to email us (service@newtraditioncrafts.com) and show us your finished sets!

Supplies: Your kit comes with nearly everything you need to assemble the ornaments. However, you will need to gather a few basic craft supplies of your own. These include craft paint in the suggested colors: black, white, brown, metallic gold, red, green, blue. Try mixing colors to get different shades and colors (black + white=grey). You'll also need a glue gun, wood glue (optional), thin permanent marker and sandpaper.

Instructions for star, wise men, scripture, fish, sheep, bucket, donkey, rooster, cross, feet, hand and heart

Sand any rough edges of wood ornament, especially around the pre-drilled hole. Depending on the wood type some of the pieces tend to splinter when drilled. A little sanding should take care of it.

Paint and let dry. To achieve an aged or distressed look, lightly sand edges once the paint has completely dried. Cut twine for the ornament hanger to 5 ½ inches and thread through the pre-drilled hole, then tie the ends together. For donkey, add a small amount of glue in the pre-drilled hole and insert both ends of the twine use 4 ½ inches of twine.

Shepherd- Sand any rough edges of wood ornament. Paint the head, hair and body of the shepherd. Once dry make the face using a thin permanent marker. It also works well to dip the end (handle) of a paint brush in paint to make dots for eyes. Cut a piece of linen 4 ½ x 2 ½ inches and drape over the head and secure with hot glue. Trim as needed. Make a loop with the twine and glue the loose ends in the folds of the linen at the back of the head. This will serve as the ornament hanger. Use the thin ribbon to wrap around the forehead and secure at the back of head with a small dot of hot glue. Attach the crook (spiral dowel) to the shepherd's side with a small dot of hot glue.

Dove- Match the doves up and glue bodies and head (not wings) together. Cut twine 5 inches long and insert ends of twine at the center of wings as you glue the bodies together. This will hide the ends of the ornament hanger. Crease and fold down the wings. Add a dot of paint or use a permanent marker to make the eyes.

Candle- The candle comes in three pieces: candlestick, plate and c-shaped handle. Sand any rough edges of wood ornament. Assemble and secure using wood glue or hot glue first and then paint. Thread 5 ½ inches of twine through the pre-drilled hole and tie for ornament hanger.

Boat- Sand and paint boat base. Cut thin dowel to a length of 2 ½ inches and insert and secure into pre-drilled hole in boat base using wood glue or hot glue. There are 3 pre-cut white sails: 2 small and 1 large. Place the small sails on each side of the dowel so that they match up and cover nearly the entire dowel, leaving a small part showing near the boat base. As you secure the small sails also insert the ends of a loop of twine 5 inches long at the top of the dowel in between the two sails for hanging the ornament. Attach the larger sail with hot glue to the outside of one of the smaller sails so that they overlap.

Basket with bread and fish- Sand any rough edges of wood pieces. Paint the basket, small fish and bread loaf (football shaped piece). To get a texture or weave look on the basket first paint a light brown base color. Once

the basket has dried, dip a dry paint brush in a darker brown paint and wipe as much of the paint off the brush with a paper towel. Then make small quick brushes on the basket. Repeat until you have desired look. Once everything has dried, tie the twine through the pre-drilled holes (knots on the inside of the basket) to make a basket handle. This will also be the ornament hanger. The bread and fish can be secured inside the basket with glue or left loose.

Bandaged man- Sand any rough edges of wood ornament. Paint the head, hair and body of man. Once dry make the face using a thin permanent marker. It also works well to dip the end (handle) of a paint brush in paint to make dots for eyes. Cut a long thin strip of linen and wrap around the head. Insert the ends of 5 inches of twine for the ornament hanger between the linen bandage and the head and secure with hot glue.

10- Sand any rough edges of wood disc and the numbers 1 and 0 before painting. Once dried, completely glue the numbers on the disc to make the number 10. Tie on 5 ½ inches of twine for the ornament hanger using the pre-drilled hole.

Man on stretcher- Sand any rough edges of wood. Paint the head, hair and body of man. Once dry make the face using a thin permanent marker. It also works well to dip the end (handle) of a paint brush in paint to make dots for eyes. Cut two dowels each slightly shorter than 3 inches long. Cut a piece of linen 2 ¼ x 2 ½ inches. Put a line of hot glue down the 2 ½ inch side of linen and place a dowel centered along each edge. Roll the dowel in towards the center so that the fabric is covering the dowel and secure again with hot glue. Put a line of hot glue down the center of the fabric and place the man on top. Cut two pieces of twine each 5 ½ inches long and tie to each end of the exposed dowel. This will serve as the ornament hanger.

Money bag – Add in coins and use the drawstring instead of a twine hanger.

Rolling Pin- Sand any rough edges and paint. Use 5 ½ inches of twine to tie and loop around one of the handles for hanging.

Present- Sand any rough edges of wood. Paint wood cube and allow it to dry. Using the ribbon provided, tie on the bow and secure as needed with hot glue. Slide 5 ½ inches of twine under the bow and make a loop for the ornament hanger.

Bowl and Pitcher- Sand any rough edges of wood. Paint bowl, pitcher and small handle (tiny circle shaped piece) and allow to dry. Using a small dot of hot glue or wood glue attach handle to pitcher. Add another dot of glue in the center of the bowl to secure pitcher. Tie on 5 ½ inches of twine for the ornament hanger using the hole in the handle.

Cloud and lightning- Beginning with the first cloud piece you will layer your felt pieces. Using a small dot of hot glue attach the lightning bolt (near the bottom) and the ends of twine loop (near the top) to the cloud as the next layer. Use a cotton ball or tissue to “stuff” the cloud giving it dimension. Add the second cloud as the top layer and secure it to the rest of the pieces with hot glue or small stitches around the cloud edges. If using the cloud for the Day 25 “Ascension into Heaven” instead of Day 24 “Appearance to the Nephites” do not add the lightning.