

Ornament Kit Instructions for 2019

In your kit you will find basic materials and pieces for completing your ornaments. Be creative and personalize these ornaments for your family. Feel free to use your own materials and finish them with your own flair. The finished product pictures on the website 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, and blue. Try mixing colors to get different shades. You will also need a glue gun, wood glue (optional), thin permanent marker and sandpaper.

Please Note: *In the New Testament edition the heart ornament is used for Day 24 and the white cloud ornament is used for Day 25. The grey lightning cloud is an extra ornament not needed in the New Testament edition.*

Instructions for star, wise men, scripture, fish, sheep, bucket, donkey, rooster, cross, feet, hand, heart, rolling pin, dove and clouds.

Sand any rough edges of the wood ornament, especially around the pre-drilled hole. Some tool marks from drilling or cutting the wood may be visible. 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 a 5 ½ inch length of twine for the ornament hanger, thread through the pre-drilled hole, and then tie the ends together. For the donkey, use a 4 ½ inch length of twine, add a small amount of glue in the pre-drilled hole, and insert both ends of the twine into the hole.

Shepherd- Sand any rough surfaces of the wood ornament. Paint the head, hair, and body of the shepherd. When completely 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 (thick, short dowel) to the shepherd's side with a small dot of hot glue.

Dove- Paint the dove and ring. One side of the ring is scored with three lines to aid in centering the dove. Place a small dot of glue near each score line and attach the dove to the ring.

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

Boat- Sand as needed and paint boat base and sails. Use one of the long thin dowels and insert into the pre-drilled hole in boat base and secure using wood glue or hot glue. There are 2 triangle sails and 2 spacer discs. Attach the larger sail to the dowel and attach the 2 spacer discs to the inside of the large sail. Attach a loop of twine near the top of the dowel with a drop of hot glue. Place a drop of glue on top of each of the spacer discs and place the smaller sail on top so that the twine, spacers and dowel are sandwiched between the two sails. Let the glue dry completely before hanging.

Basket with bread and fish- Sand any rough edges of the 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 the desired look. After the paint 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 should be secured inside the basket with glue so that they are not lost or become a hazard.

Bandaged man- Sand any rough edges of the wood ornament. Paint the head, hair, and body of the man. When completely 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 as a bandage. Insert the ends of a 5 inch length of twine for the ornament hanger between the linen bandage and the head and secure with hot glue.

10- Sand any rough edges of the wood disc and the numbers 1 and 0 before painting. After the paint has dried, glue the numbers on the disc to make the number 10. Tie a 5 ½ inch length of twine for the ornament hanger using the pre-drilled hole.

Man on stretcher- Sand any rough edges of the wood. Paint the head, hair, and body of man. When completely 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 2 ¼ x 2 ½ inches. Put a thin line of hot glue down the 2 ½ inch side of linen and place one of the long thin dowels 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, or glue, each length to the exposed ends of a dowel. This will serve as the ornament hanger.

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

Gift/Present- Sand any rough edges of the wood block. Paint the 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 the 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 the handle to the pitcher. Add another dot of glue in the center of the bowl to secure the pitcher. Tie a 5 ½ inch length of twine for the ornament hanger using the hole in the handle.