

How to make Glitter Ornaments



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I've had lots of people asking me how I made my [glitter birthstone ornaments](#), so I thought doing a tutorial would be a good idea. This would also be a GREAT project to do with kids, for an awesome handmade Christmas gift idea, because they are so quick and easy. And the best part? The glitter is *inside* the glass ball, so you can admire them all you want without becoming sparkly head to toe yourself. Unless you want to be sparkly head to toe, and in that case, I can't help you. At least not in *this* tutorial.

You will need:

- clear glass ornaments (Joann's and Michael's carry them during the Christmas season, or you can get them online at [HobbyLobby.com](#)).
- glitter! (hooray for glitter!)
- okay, are you ready for this one? floor cleaner. (sounds weird, yes, but this is the amazing secret ingredient.)

First, make sure you start with a clean ornament. I use rubbing alcohol to clean them, and I explain how and why in a previous blog post I wrote about [how to make glass Easter ornaments](#).

Now, about the floor cleaner...I read about this idea more than a year ago when I was reading a crafting forum somewhere, and I completely dismissed it. I had visions of bald-headed men and toxic looking yellow Lysol-like stuff, and decided that whoever had had this idea must have been a little cuckoo. Then one day I was shopping in the cleaning products section of the black hole of doom, oops I mean Walmart, and I saw this:



I immediately realized that this was exactly what that person must have been talking about, so I decided to try it out...and I am so glad I did, because it works a-MAAazing.

So pour a little bit into the ornament, and swirl it around. I do not shake it, because then it gets kind of bubbly.



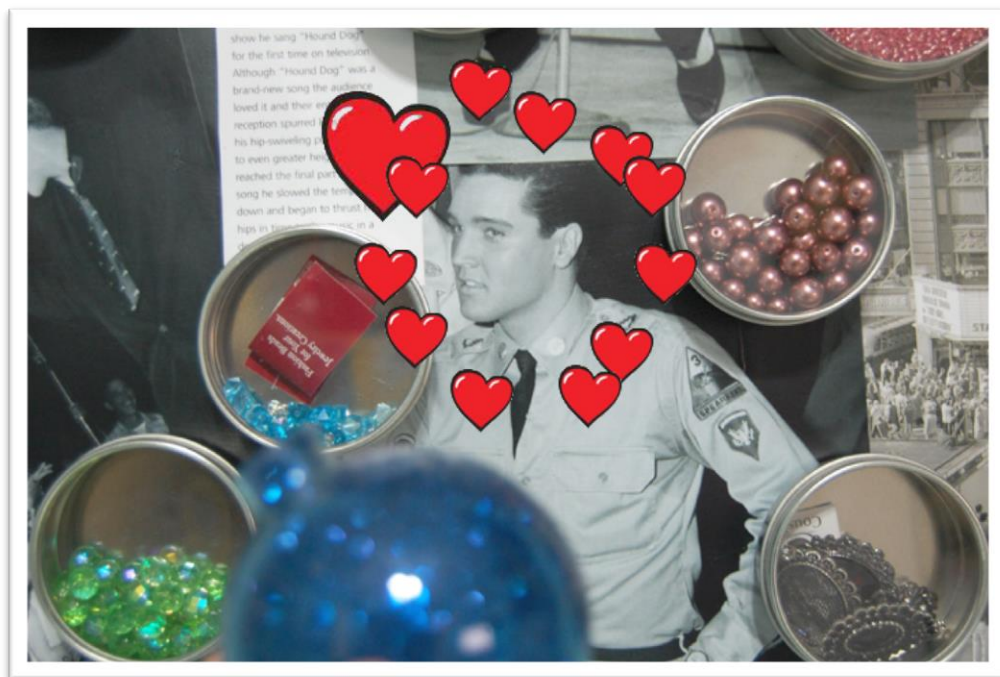
Then pour the excess back into the bottle. This stuff is a little bit expensive, but it goes a long way. In fact, this bottle is the only bottle I've bought...and look how little I've used. I might even use it to clean my floors.



Now pour in your glitter and swirl it around the same way as you did with the floor cleaner.



And voila!



oops, sorry. You wanted to see the ornament...



Let it dry for a little while before putting the cap back on...I always take the little wire out of the cap, and put the cap on first (put a little glue around the inside of the cap for security):



...and then stick the wire back in...this will keep it from scratching off the glitter on the way in.

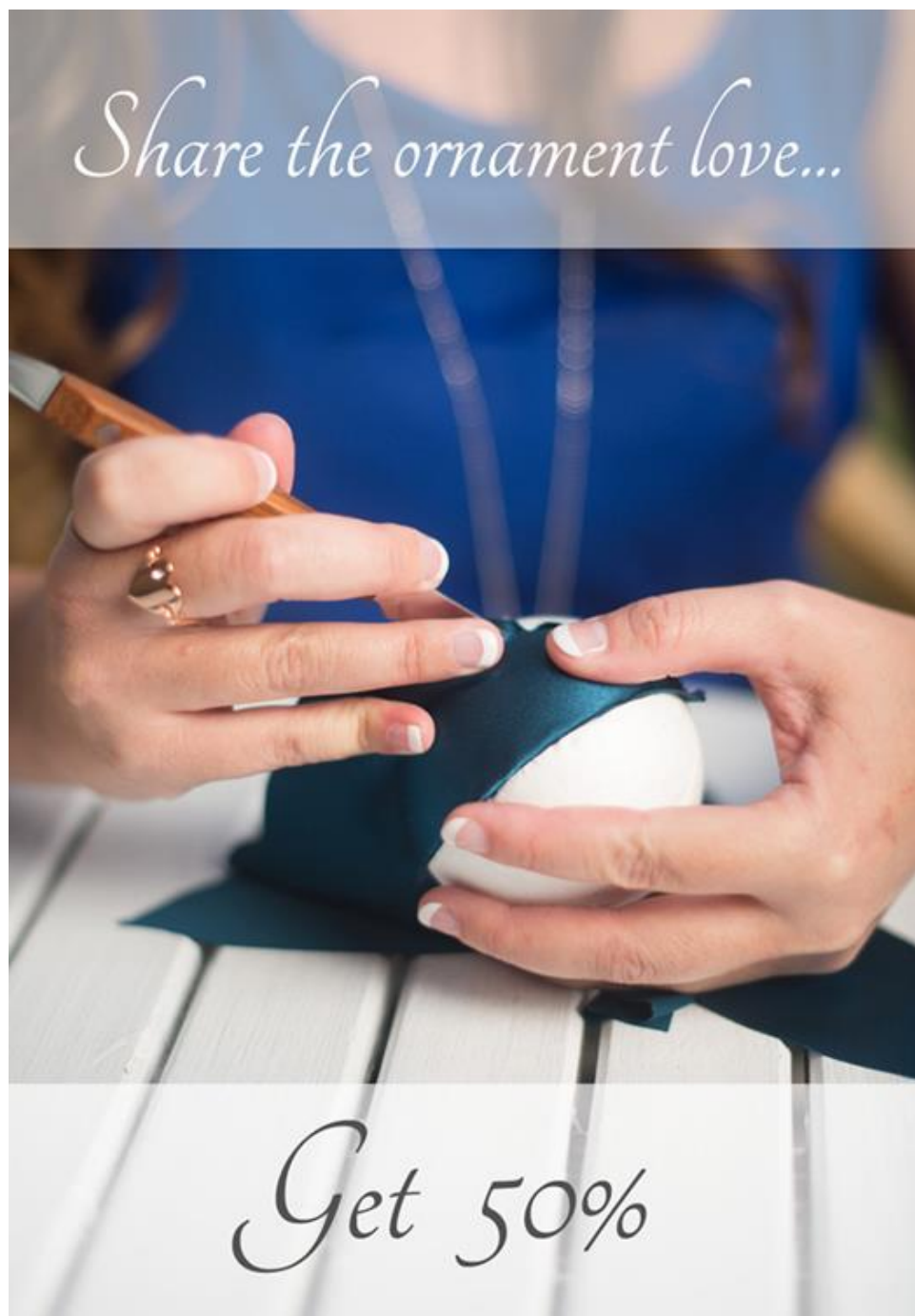


All done!

But wait!

Look at what a few little scrapbook stickers and some rhinestones can do...





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