

# Classic Cameo Ornament

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## Materials Needed:

AMACO® Porcelain-Like Face—  
Item No. 14147H

AMACO® Friendly Plastic® in colors  
of your choice—used here  
were: Red/Red, Metallic Solid  
Purple/Black, Metallic Solid  
Gold/Black, and Metallic Solid  
Silver/Black

AMACO® Friendly Plastic® Needle  
Tool

AMACO® Work Mat

Small oval paper mache ornament  
3/4" wide gimp fabric trim with  
twist in Ivory

Gold paper

Therm O Web® Peel 'n Stick double  
sided adhesive

1/8" rayon cord

Beacon™ Adhesive Co.: FabriTac™  
permanent glue

2 straight pins

Scissors

Pencil

Non-stick electric skillet or saucepan



## Instructions:

1. Heat electric skillet (or sauce pan) filled with approx. 2" of water until it steams (should not be boiling). Fill a small bowl with cool water.
2. **Hat.** Place a 1" piece of Red/Red Friendly Plastic® face side down in steaming water. Touching one corner only; use needle tool to maneuver it around bottom of skillet until soft and pliable.
3. Dampen fingers with cool water. Use needle tool to remove plastic from skillet and place across top two thirds of head, resembling a swimming cap. Work with dampened fingers to maneuver the softened plastic in place, wrapping slightly around edges to back side of head. Face side up; press lightly onto work mat to smooth back while still soft.
4. Place a 2" piece of Red/Red Friendly Plastic® place face down in steaming water. Once softened, remove from water with needle tool. Fold in half lengthwise; with wrong sides pressed together. Pinch lightly to remove any air pockets. With fold side facing you, work quickly to press the opposite softened plastic edges directly onto side edges of the plastic "swim cap" to join. Continue to manipulate hat to shape as desired. Let cool approximately 5 minutes to harden.

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## Instructions: *(continued from front)*

5. **Scarf.** Cut two 1" pieces of Metallic Solid Purple/Black Friendly Plastic®. One piece at a time heat in steaming water same as before. Remove with needle tool and place on one side of neck; manipulating as desired to create scarf shape. Repeat with remaining piece to create opposite side of scarf. Cut two  $\frac{1}{8}$  -  $\frac{1}{4}$ " pieces of Metallic Solid Gold/Black, heat, then drape over scarf to accent.
6. **Hair.** Cut 5 - 6 thin slivers (approx.  $\frac{1}{16}$ " wide) of Metallic Solid Silver/Black Friendly Plastic®, drop into steaming water and swirl with needle tool so that they connect with one another. Remove from water and position on head, maneuvering with needle tool to create "hair". (Tip: Create varying shades of "graying" hair by using needle tool to reveal more or less of the Black Friendly Plastic® backing color; leaving subtle hints of Silver.)
7. Trace paper mache ornament onto double sided adhesive paper with pencil. Cut out allowing an additional  $\frac{1}{4}$ " border around traced line to wrap around side edges of ornament. Peel backing, attach to back side of Gold paper. Trim Gold edges to match adhesive paper shape. Peel remaining backing and attach to ornament; wrapping the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " border around edges to cover. Smooth side edges by rolling on a firm surface. Repeat to cover back side.
8. Glue gimp trim with twist around outer edges. Tie a knot in each end of cord. Glue knots to side edges of ornament as shown to create hanger. Insert straight pin into both knot and ornament to hold securely in place. Glue Friendly Plastic® adorned face at center of ornament. Lay flat until dry.

## Tips:

1. In addition to a wide assortment of other colors, Friendly Plastic® is also available in shades of pink and lavender.
2. Friendly Plastic® should not be heated in microwave.

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