



Holiday Countdown

24 family activity cards, one a day, from the 1st to the 24th of December. An Advent calendar with nothing to buy.

24 cards · print at home · screen-free



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★ Start on the 1st of December: card 24 falls on the 24th.

How to use

- 1 Print the card pages, in colour or in light ink.
- 2 Print the numbered card backs on the reverse of the cards (double-sided, flip on long edge), or glue them on afterwards.
- 3 Cut out the cards along the dotted lines.
- 4 Fold the envelopes, slip one card into each and seal them with a little tape.
- 5 Each day, open that day's envelope, do the activity, then colour in that day's box on the strip.
- 6 A card doesn't suit that day? Swap it for another one: the order is only a suggestion.

Safety

- An adult always stays with the child. The "with an adult" symbol marks the cards where the adult does some steps themselves.
- Round-tip scissors for children. Knife, stove and oven: adults only.
- No candles, no flames: to light up a craft, use a small battery-powered light.
- Cooking: wash your hands, check everyone's allergies and adapt the ingredients.
- Keep small pieces of paper and tape out of reach of children under 3.
- Games that get you moving always have a seated version.

The 5 kinds of cards



Craft

Paper, scissors, a little glue: let's make something.



Riddle

A puzzle to read aloud. The answer is printed upside down at the bottom of the card.



Kindness challenge

A small gesture to make someone happy.



No-oven cooking

A simple recipe, no cooking needed, using what's in the kitchen.



Time together

A game or a quiet moment to share.

Printing

- A4 or Letter size: choose the file that matches your paper and print at 100% (not "fit to page").
- Suggested paper: 160 to 200 gsm card stock (about 60 to 74 lb cover) for the cards, ordinary paper for the envelopes and the strip.
- Light-ink version: same content, white backgrounds and thin lines.

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★ Cards 1–4

✂ Cut along the dotted lines.

✂ CRAFT

1



The 24-day chain

Cut 24 strips of paper, each two fingers wide. Write a number from 1 to 24 on each strip. Close strip 24 into a ring. Thread strip 23 through it and close it, and so on down to 1. Each day, take off one ring: the chain gets shorter until the big day.

You need: paper · round-tip scissors · glue or tape · pencil

⚠ Safety: Little ones cut with an adult.

Time: 20 min

👤 With an adult

❓ RIDDLE

2



White and silent

I fall from the sky without making a sound. I am white and very light. If you hold me in your warm hand, I turn into a drop of water. What am I?

You need: Nothing to prepare

Time: 5 min

Answer: A snowflake.

♥ KINDNESS CHALLENGE

3



Three thank-yous

Today, say thank you to three people. Not a quick thank you: tell them why, too. For example: "Thank you for reading me a story last night." In the evening, tell your family which thank-yous you gave.

You need: Nothing to prepare

Time: all day

🍷 NO-OVEN COOKING

4



Rainbow fruit skewers

An adult cuts fruit into small cubes. You sort them by colour: red, orange, yellow, green, purple. Thread them onto skewers in rainbow order. Missing a colour? Make up your own rainbow with the fruit you have at home.

You need: fruit you have at home · skewers or toothpicks · board and knife (for the adult)

⚠ Safety: Only the adult uses the knife. For little ones, snip the sharp tips off the skewers or use round-ended toothpicks. Check for allergies.

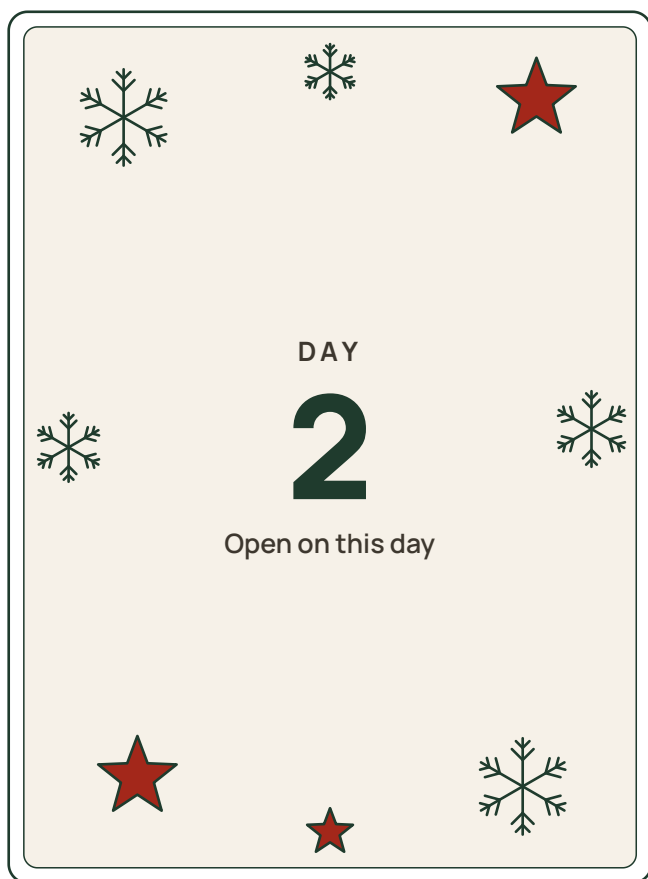
Time: 20 min

👤 With an adult



Card backs 1-4

Print on the back of the previous page (long edge). On the reverse, the numbers are mirrored so that each one lands behind the right card.



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