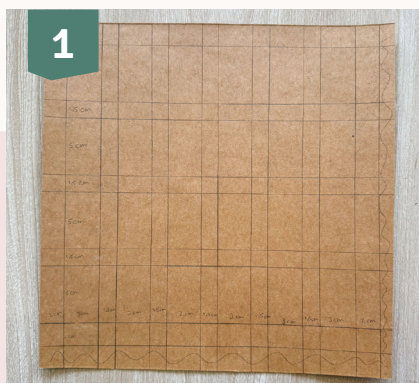


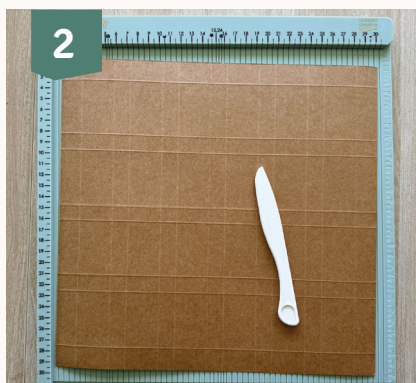


Make an Advent Calendar with Christmas House Decorations

Create a unique advent calendar with 24 festive doors using kraft paper and cardstock. Decorate the doors with Christmas houses and stamped designs, then count down to Christmas in a fun and festive way.



Take a sheet of 30.5 x 30.5 cm kraft cardstock and copy the grid shown in the illustration. Start by drawing the horizontal lines. Measure 2 cm, 5 cm, 1.5 cm, 5 cm, 1.5 cm, 5 cm, 1.5 cm, 5 cm and 2 cm from the top edge, drawing a line at each mark. Then repeat this from the left-hand edge for the vertical lines, measuring 2 cm, 3 cm, 1.5 cm, 3 cm, 1.5 cm, 3 cm, 1.5 cm, 3 cm, 1.5 cm, 3 cm, 1.5 cm, 3 cm and 2 cm. Trim away the excess strips from the right-hand side and the bottom.



Score all the drawn lines using the Score Easy.



Copy the same grid onto a sheet of white cardstock and score all the lines with the Score Easy.



Using a craft knife, cut out the doors in the kraft cardstock. Cut along three sides of each door, leaving one side intact to act as a hinge.



Stamp a Christmas design inside each section of the white cardstock. Use a variety of stamps and ink colours for a playful effect.



Attach the kraft cardstock with the doors over the stamped white cardstock so that a stamped image appears behind every door. Secure the sheets together with double-sided tape.





Choose three colours of cardstock and use the Christmas house cutting dies to die-cut a total of 24 houses.



Trace the house shapes onto the back of the glitter paper, cut them out slightly smaller than the die-cut houses and glue them behind the openings.



Stamp the numbers 1 to 24 onto a sheet of white cardstock, leaving enough space between each number.



Punch out all the numbers using a circle punch.



Cut a sheet of red cardstock to 30.5 x 29.5 cm. Then cut out the centre, leaving a 2 cm border all the way around to create a frame.



Glue the red frame onto the advent calendar. Arrange the houses and numbers over the 24 doors until you are happy with the layout, then glue them in place. Your advent calendar is now ready to open a new door every day as you count down to Christmas!

