



GERMAN ADVENT CALENDAR

Cultural Kids Craft

BACKGROUND:

The Advent calendar originated in Germany when families started counting down the first 24 days of December by drawing a chalk line on the door each day. Families began to adopt more elaborate ways to mark the days including lighting candles and hanging small religious pictures on the wall—later, printed advent calendars similar to the kind we use today were invented.

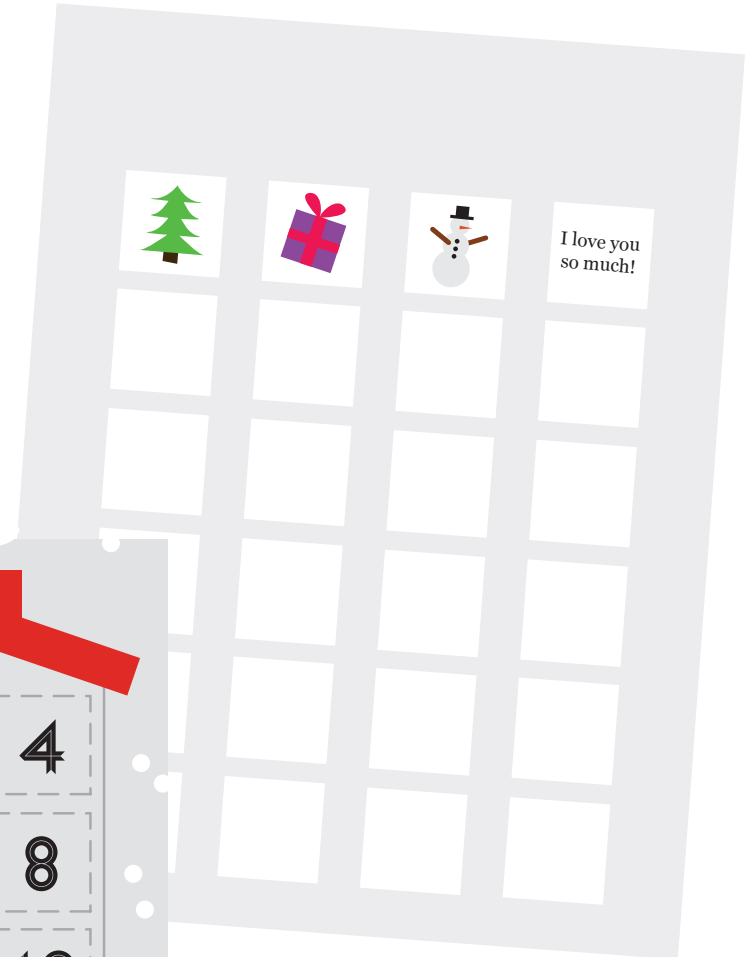
MATERIALS:

- Advent calendar template
- X-acto knife (for adult use only) or scissors
- Markers and/or scraps of magazines and photos
- Double sided tape

INSTRUCTIONS:

Print the advent calendar templates on the following two pages preferably on white card stock. Using the X-acto knife, cut the dotted lines on the three sides of the 24 boxes on the first page of the calendar to make openings. Decorate the inside of all the white boxes on the second page with magic markers or with pictures cut out from old magazines or photos. Tape the first page of the advent calendar to the second using double sided tape on the sides and top and bottom.

Cut on the dotted lines with an X-acto knife (adults only) to make the calendar's openings.



Draw or cut pictures from magazines to decorate the boxes for all 24 days leading up to Christmas. Or, write a special message in each box.

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