

# Christmas

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Quilt Assembly Instructions

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## Christmas Advent Calendar 4x4 5x5 6x6 instructions

### How to join the blocks, add borders, and backing.

If you would like your blocks to be pockets, please refer to the 'How to make pockets Instructions'

#### FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

##### **4x4 (100mm x 100mm)**

##### **REST OF THE CALENDER**

**Fabric C** - cut 2 x 9cm x 56cm (3.5" x 22") end borders (cut later - measure your joined blocks first)

**Fabric D** - cut 2 x 9cm x 71cm (3.5" x 28") side borders (cut later - measure your joined blocks first)

**Fabric E** - cut 1 x 71cm x 71cm (28" x 28") the backing (cut later - measure your joined blocks first)

**Batting 2** - cut 2 x 9cm x 56cm (3.5" x 22") end borders

**Batting 3** - cut 2 x 9cm x 71cm (3.5" x 28") side borders

**Optional - ribbon for loops 5 inches (13 cm)**

**Finished dimensions (approx.)** - 63.5cmW x 63.5cmL (25" x 25")

##### **5x5 (130mm x 130mm)**

##### **REST OF THE CALENDER**

**Fabric C** - cut 2 x 9cm x 69cm (3.5" x 27") end borders (cut later - measure your joined blocks first)

**Fabric D** - cut 2 x 9cm x 84cm (3.5" x 33") side borders (cut later - measure your joined blocks first)

**Fabric E** - cut 1 x 84cm x 84cm (33" x 33") the backing (cut later - measure your joined blocks first)

**Batting 2** - cut 2 - 9cm x 69cm (3.5" x 27") end borders

**Batting 3** - cut 2 - 9cm x 84cm (3.5" x 33") side borders

**Optional - ribbon for loops 5 inches (13 cm)**

**Finished dimensions (approx.)** - 76cmW x 76cmL (30" x 30")

##### **6x6 (160mm x 160mm)**

##### **REST OF THE CALENDER**

**Fabric C** - cut 2 x 9cm x 84cm (3.5" x 33") end borders (**cut later - measure your joined blocks first**)

**Fabric D** - cut 2 x 9cm x 98cm (3.5" x 38.5") side borders (**cut later - measure your joined blocks first**)

**Fabric E** - cut 1 x 98cm x 98cm (38.5" x 38.5") the backing (**cut later - measure your joined blocks first**)

**Batting 2** - cut 2 - 9cm x 84cm (3.5" x 33") end borders

**Batting 3** - cut 2 - 9cm x 98cm (3.5" x 38.5") side borders

**Optional - ribbon for loops 5 inches (13 cm)**

**Finished dimensions (approx.)** - 91cmW x 91cmL (36" x 36")



## JOIN ALL THE PANELS

Lay out all your completed blocks in the way you'd like them.



We've joined all 25 blocks, but if you prefer your advent calendar with only 24 blocks, we've included a diagram of how to join them below.







Join the blocks in rows.

Place the first two panels **right sides** together.



Pin and sew a half inch seam, sewing just inside the border lines already on the panels.



Open the seams and iron them flat.



Then continue joining the other panels in the same fashion.



Next join the horizontal rows to each other by placing the first two rows right sides together.





Pin and stitch the seams on your sewing machine. Stitch just inside the border already stitched on the blocks so the stitching will not be seen on the right side later.



Continue this until you have each of the horizontal rows joined together.

Open the seams and iron them flat.



### **ADD THE END BORDERS**

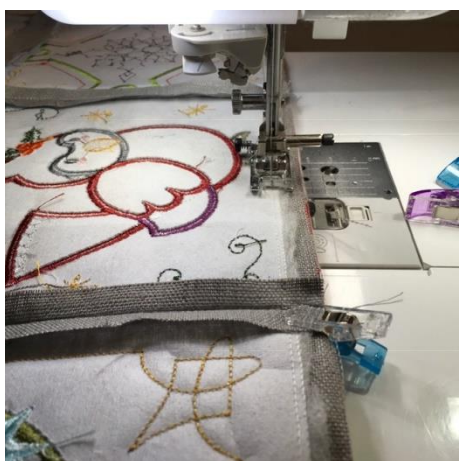
Lay your first **batting 2** on your work space. Place your first **fabric C right side** up on top of your **batting 2**.



Place one end of your advent calendar **wrong side** up on top of the **fabric C** and **batting 2**. Have the excess of both **batting 2** and **fabric C** towards the centre of the advent calendar.



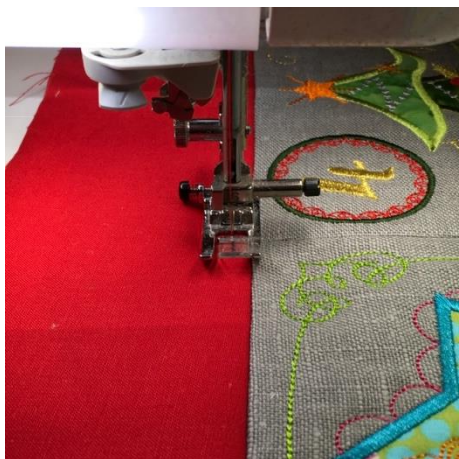
Pin in place and stitch down with a half inch seam. (Pinning and stitching on the **wrong side** of the advent calendar means you can make sure you are stitching inside the border line on the front of the advent calendar, so this line of sewing does not show on the front).



Fold over and iron the end border down neatly.

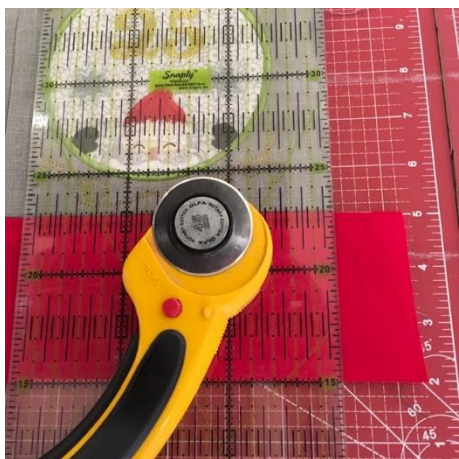


Topstitch for a neat flat finish.



Repeat on the opposite end of the wall hanging.

Trim the excess border fabric.



### **ADD THE SIDE BORDERS**

Add the side borders in the same way using **Fabric D** and **batting 3**.

Iron the side borders.

Topstitch for a neat flat finish.

Trim the excess border fabric.



## ADD THE LOOPS FOR HANGING

Optional – You can add loops to the top to make it into a wall hanging.

Work out how long you would like your wall hanging to hang down from your hanger. Cut two pieces of ribbon this length (We used 5 inches). Fold each piece in half wrong sides together and place at the top of your wall hanging matching the raw ends with the raw ends of the wall hanging and the folds towards the middle of the wall hanging. Pin in place



## CUT THE BACKING

Place **Fabric E** (backing) on your table **right side up**.

Place your sewn advent calendar on top of **fabric E** **right sides** together.



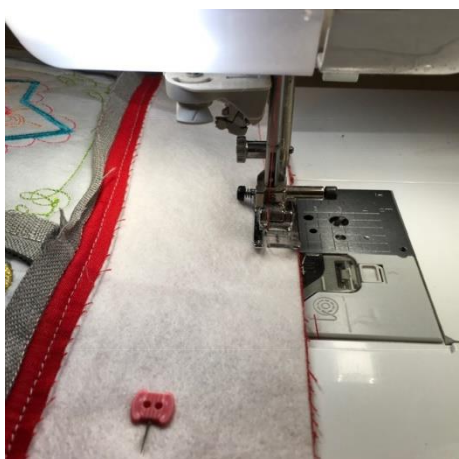
Pin together lightly and trim the backing so it matches the shape of your advent calendar.



Pin in place leaving an opening of about 18cm (7 inches) for turning.



Stitch the seam remembering to leave the opening.



Clip the corners for more pointed ones when turned.





Then turn the right way out through the opening. Use a chopstick to help push out the corners.

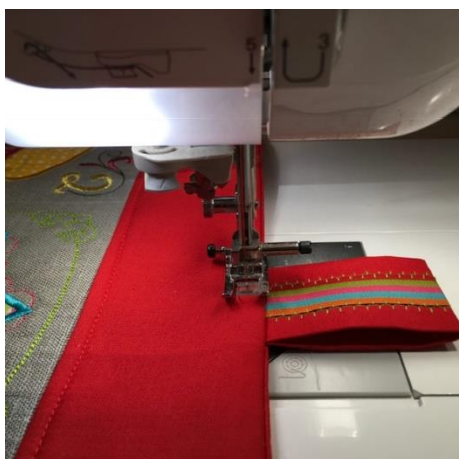


Iron.

Hand stitch (or use fabric glue) the opening closed.



Top stitch the borders and stitch in the ditch of the seams to attach the backing.



You have now finished your advent calendar!

Enjoy!!

