

Advent Calendar Instructions



Supplies

- Number stickers
- Kraft paper lunch bags (count how many days until school starts and use that number of bags)
- School supplies to fill bags (we used sticky notes, index cards, blank flash card decks, blank greeting cards, a deck of multiplication cards, fun stickers and gum)
- Clothespins (one clothespin per bag)
- Scissors*
- String
- Push pins*
- Mounting tape (optional)

*Adult supervision required

Instructions

1. Use the number stickers to label each bag with a number, starting with 1 and going up to the number of days until school starts.
2. Fill each bag with something—a mix of actual supplies (like index cards) and fun trinkets (like gum) adds to the anticipation.
3. Secure each bag with a clothespin.
4. Decide how you want to arrange the bags, aiming for an equal or near-equal number of bags in each row. (We had 18 bags, so we went with three rows of six bags.)
5. Use scissors to cut a length of string that will accommodate each row of bags.
6. Use push pins to affix each string horizontally to the wall. Make sure to leave enough room between each row for the bags to hang down.
7. Clip bags to the strings using clothespins, taking care to put the bags in order. If you'd like, you can use mounting tape behind the clothespins for added stability.
8. Each day, have your child take down one paper bag and open it up, starting with the biggest number. The last bag your child will open will be the bag numbered 1

