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A different advent calendar for children:

24 TASKS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!



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December 1st!

24 days until Christmas!

Let's start counting by making a garland from colored paper. This way, the waiting will be much more fun!

YOU WILL NEED:
— colored paper;
— scissors;
— glue;
— cut colored paper into strips and glue them together into rings.

Tip: Write down some compliments, wishes, nice words or simple tasks on each strip. Cut off one strip each day and discover just how fast the time flies by.



Let's start waiting for Christmas!

December 2nd!

23 days until Christmas!

Let this day be filled with fun games!

Print and cut out these festive memory cards. Place them face down on an even surface. The goal of the game is to be the fastest to find two identical cards.

A fun and engaging brain training memory game!









December 3rd!

22 days until Christmas!

Christmas without gingerbread cookies? Unimaginable. But what if they were your size? Can you imagine that?

Today, we are doing crafts and making a huuuuge gingerbread cookie!

YOU WILL NEED:
— an incredibly large sheet of paper (the one seen in the photo is cut out from a builder's paper roll, which can be purchased at any store of building supplies);
— marker pen;
— paint, watercolor or gouache and brushes (you can also color the gingerbread cookie using your fingers).

The best part of this game is drawing the gingerbread man. Let the child lie down on the paper and use a marker pen to line out his/her body contours (this activity usually brings lots of laughter and joy in our household).

And when the gigantic gingerbread cookie is drawn, it's time for some decorating!



December 4th!

21 days until Christmas!

Are you ready to practice some fine cutting?

Cutting out the beard of Santa Claus is an excellent way to develop your scissor handling skills and enjoy some cutting practice.



Print and cut out this Santa Claus. Follow the dotted lines and cut his beard as shown.

December 5th!

20 days until Christmas!

People say that Christmas is a time of miracles. Perhaps, we could make some miracles a bit earlier?

Watercolor salt technique is a truly magical activity you will want to do again and again!

YOU WILL NEED:
— a sheet of paper;
— salt;
— liquid glue (white, universal glue);
— watercolor supplies;
— a pipette or a brush.

For this task, take some glue and use it to draw whatever symbolizes Christmas for you on a sheet of paper. It may be snowflakes, a Christmas tree, baubles or anything else that reminds you of Christmas time. Sprinkle salt over the drawings and wait for the glue to dry.

Add some color to water and drip it on the salt-covered drawings with a pipette or a brush. Make sure to touch the salt line with your brush and soon you will see the colors spread along the contour of the drawing.

A miracle, indeed!



December 6th!

19 days until Christmas!

Experimenting is a fun activity for both kids and grown-ups! Stimulate your curiosity, thinking and creativity.

YOU WILL NEED:
— a vessel (a jar or something similar);
— water;
— white dye (e.g., gouache);
— oil;
— fizzy tablets (e.g., Vitamin C).

Fill 1/4 of the jar with water and add a spoonful of white dye. Stir well until the liquid turns as white as milk. Fill the remainder of the jar with oil.

Break fizzy tablets into pieces and put them into the jar one by one.



Let the stormy discoveries start!

December 7th!

18 days until Christmas!

Let's play a game of spies! Can you spot all the hidden objects?

Find the hidden objects!

27	5	8
6	7	7
5	9	4



December 8th!

17 days until Christmas!

When was the last time you wrote a real letter? If you cannot remember, let's do it today!

Make Christmas cards together with your child and send them to your friends and loved ones. After all, sending letters by regular mail have become somewhat of an exotic endeavor.

YOU WILL NEED:
— colored paper (we used a green one);
— watercolor (e.g., gouache);
— pen.

Take some white gouache and paint your child's palm white. Then, make its imprint on the sheet of paper just like shown in the photo. Decorate all the fingers to look like snowmen. Make some snowflakes in the background and… you're done!

All that's left to do is add some greetings and well wishing to your loved ones inside the card, place it into an envelope and send it by mail.



December 9th!

16 days until Christmas!

Oh! What fun it is to engage in various Christmas crafts, make new memories and decorate your home.

You can make the Advent wreath, one of the symbols of Advent, safely and easily together with your kids.

YOU WILL NEED:
— paper;
— watercolor;
— cotton swabs.

Take several cotton swabs and tie them together with a thread or an elastic band. Draw a circle on a sheet of paper so that your child can craft the wreath more easily.

Dab the cotton swabs in watercolor and then tap them on the paper to create one-of-a-kind Advent wreath. Decorate it using your fingers.



December 10th!

15 days until Christmas!

It's Saturday!

Don't you think it's high time we went outside in search of some winter wonders? Crispy weather? Or, perhaps, even a treasure? Cut out the provided template and let's go!



How many of the items listed below can you find?

Search, count and write the number down!



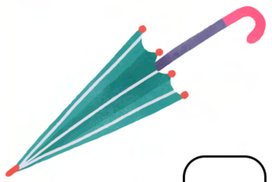
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Hat ☐



Glove ☐



Umbrella ☐



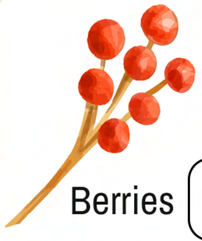
Lights ☐



Bird ☐



Pine cone ☐



Berries ☐



Leaf ☐



Spruce tree ☐



Candle ☐



Bell ☐

December 11th!

14 days until Christmas!

Advent and waiting for Christmas to come is a special time, indeed! Today, let's make some crafts and create garland lights.

YOU WILL NEED:
— paper (the one seen in the photo is cut out from a builder's paper roll, which can be purchased at any store of building supplies);
— watercolor (e.g., gouache);
— pen, colored pen or marker pen.

Use a black marker pen to outline the wire of the garland lights. You can mark the spots, where the lights should be and then let your child have fun with this creative process!

We draw garland lights during Advent every year without fail. It always brings joy and happy memories.

Tip: You can later use the decorated paper to wrap your Christmas gifts.



December 12th!

13 days until Christmas!

Today, let's look for various Christmas decorations, toys, items or statuettes and create a Christmas puzzle!

YOU WILL NEED:
— christmas decorations, toys, statuettes, pine cones or similar items: whatever you can find at home;
— a sheet of paper;
— a pen.

Find various Christmas decorations or other items, place them on the sheet of paper and then outline them with a pen. To make the puzzle more complicated and intriguing, wrap the items in foil: this way, each piece of a puzzle will be like a small gift that needs to be unwrapped.



Have fun playing Christmas games!

December 13th!

12 days until Christmas!

Christmas preparations are almost halfway, so let's stop for today, take out all our festive baubles and feel Christmas coming with all our hearts! The perfect way to do this is to engage in some Christmas crafts and make beautiful memories together.

YOU WILL NEED:
— Christmas baubles (preferable, single color one);
— paint (acrylic paint is best for bauble decorations);
— black marker pen.

This year, we made Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer of Santa Claus. We made a hand imprint from paint on the bauble, drew the ears and the antlers with a marker pen, glued the eyes and made the nose with a fingertip. Decorating Christmas baubles is a fun and engaging activity for both kids and grown-ups.

Tip: Do not be afraid to improvise! Make snowmen on the baubles just like we did before on the Christmas card or light up a garland light all around the bauble using your fingers.



December 14th!

11 days until Christmas!

Everyone is bound to enjoy this winter-like and creative knit cap drawing project!

YOU WILL NEED:
— paper;
— watercolor;
— white crayon or candles to create magical patterns.

Draw a cap on a sheet of paper and decorate it using a white crayon or a candle.

The miracles will happen once the children start coloring the cap!



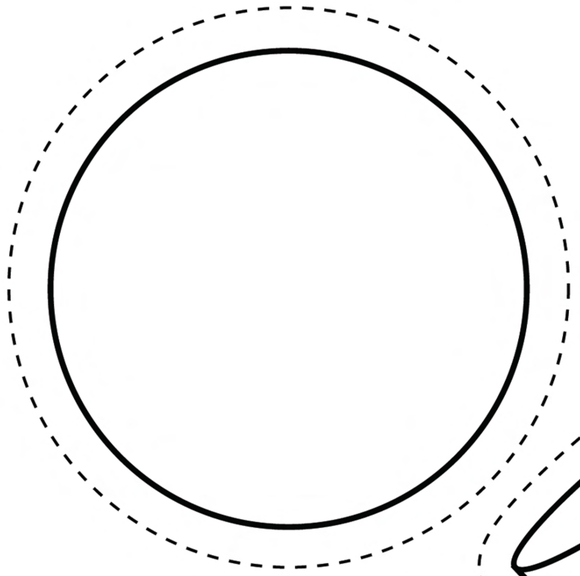
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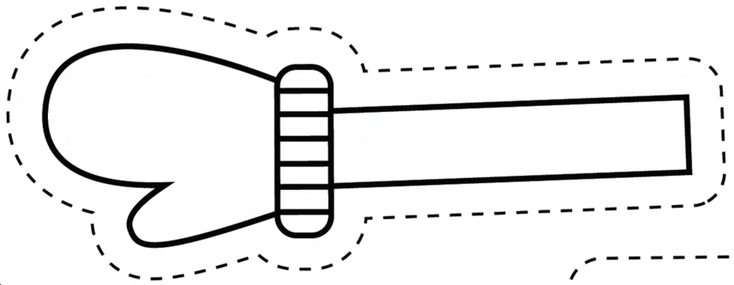
10 days until Christmas!

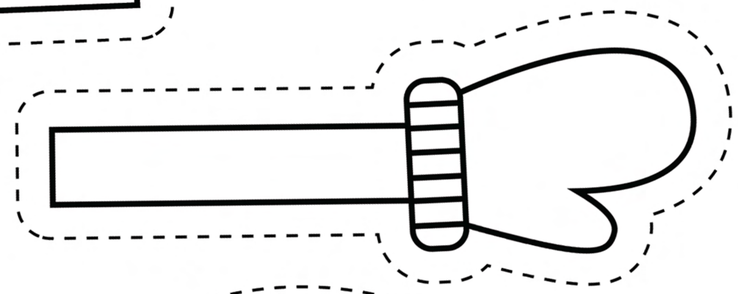
Our lovely winter can sometimes be quite a trickster. If it's not snowing outside and you cannot make a real snowman, let's have fun at home, where we're warm and cozy! Print the template, cut out the parts and assemble your very own snowman.



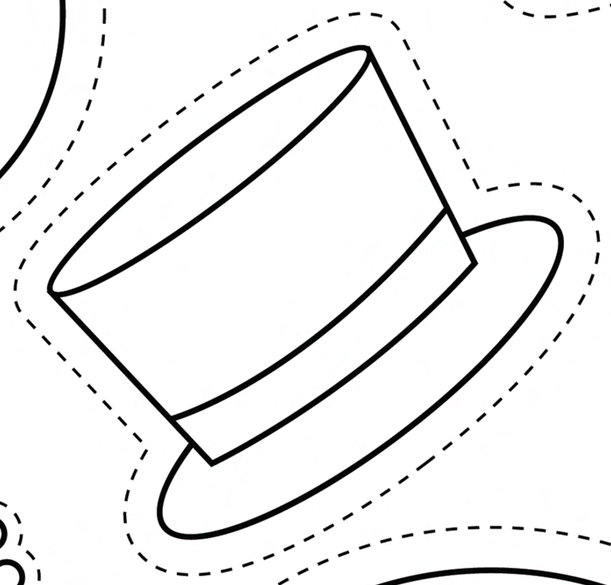
Build a snowman... without any snow!

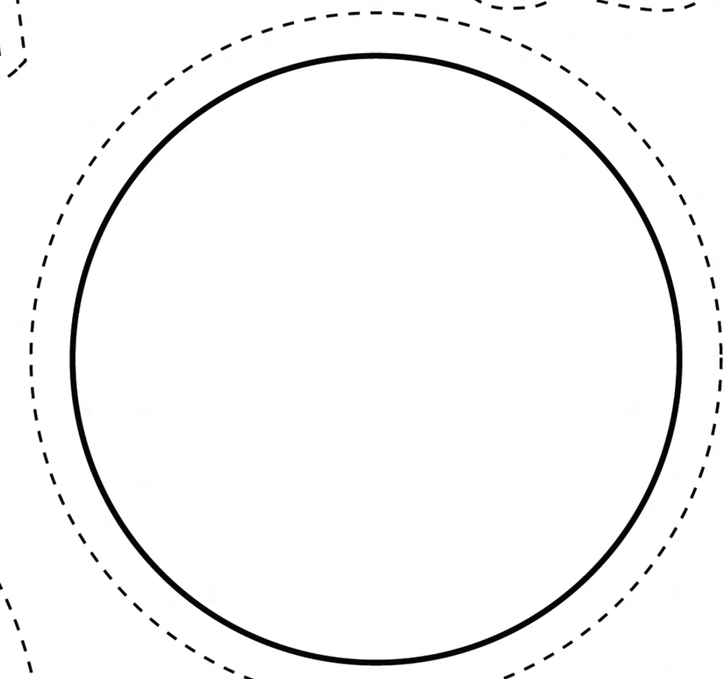


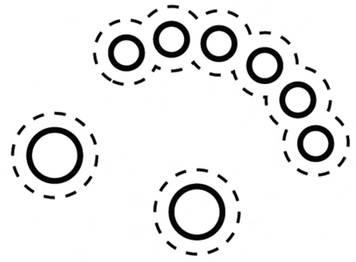


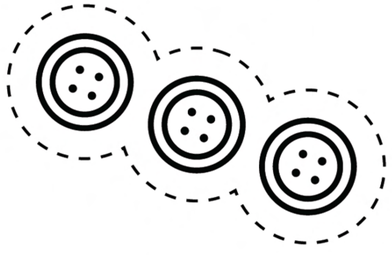


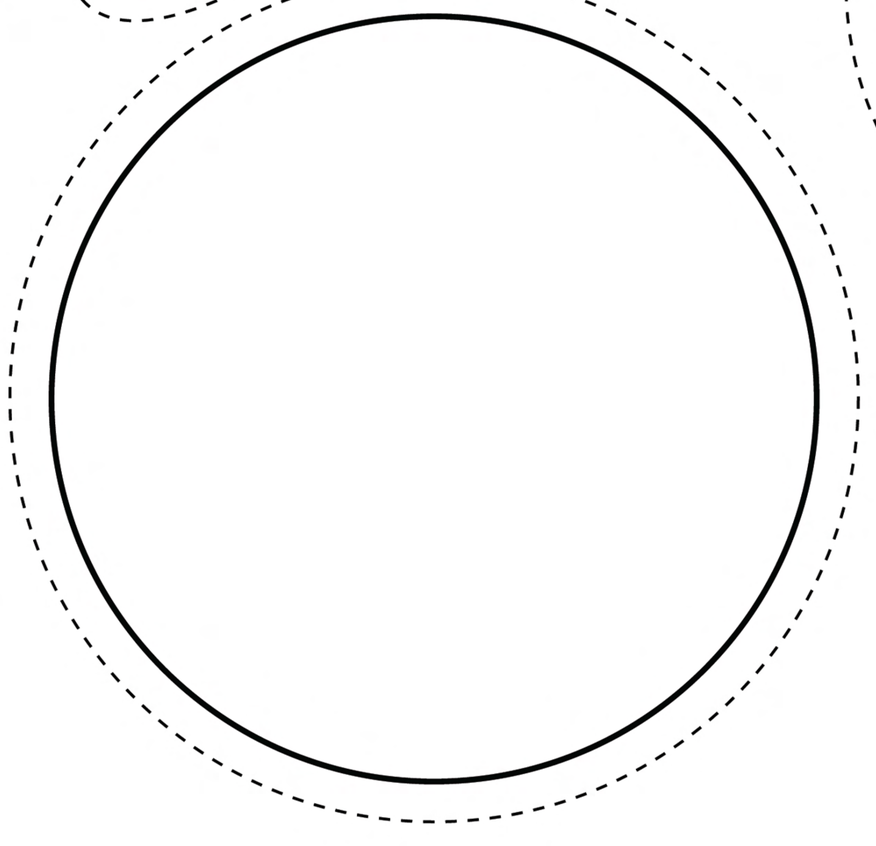


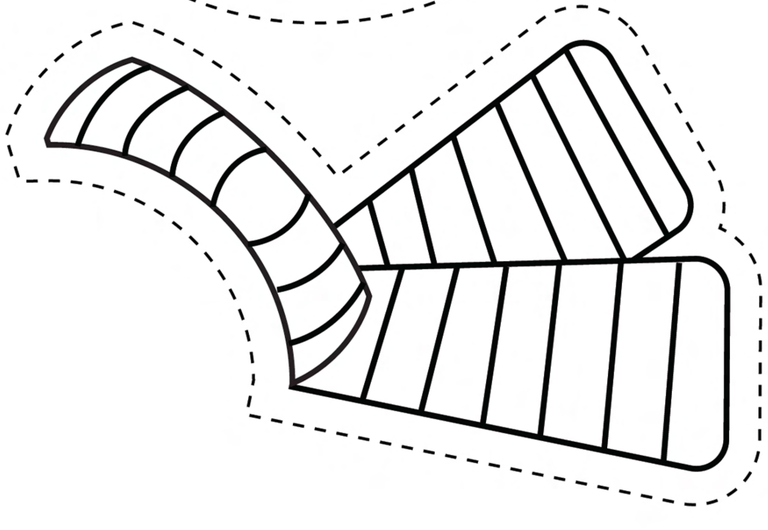


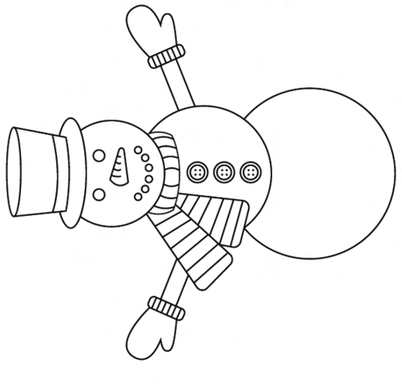












December 16th!

9 days until Christmas!

Hunting for candy canes and sweets is a much-awaited activity at our household, much like Christmas itself!

Hide candy canes and other sweets all throughout the house and let the children find them.



If you happen to have no sweets at home or do not wish to give them to your child, you can always use the template below to print and cut out the candy canes. You can even laminate the candy canes to ensure that they last for years to come!



That's how many sweets are hidden in the house:

Can you find them all?

December 17th!

8 days until Christmas!

Today, let's have some Christmas fun with modeling clay. You won't believe how easy it is to make one yourself!

YOU WILL NEED:
— a glass of flour;
— half a glass of salt;
— 4 spoons of oil;
— a bit of vinegar or citric acid (so that the clay does not dry too fast);
— a glass of boiling water;
— gouache, other liquid dye or food coloring to color the modeling clay.

Mix the flour with salt, add the oil and citric acid. Add boiling water and mix everything well. Knead the dough until it becomes soft. If it clings to your hands, add some more flour and salt.

Tip: Make sure you use the same cup or glass to keep the proportions equal and prevent too many dirty dishes.

When the modeling clay mass is pleasant to touch, divide it into portions for coloring. Make balls, add some dye into the middle and knead well!



December 18th!

7 days until Christmas!

Even with no snow around, the birds have a difficult time finding enough food in winter. Let's dedicate some time to those in need and make a bird feeder!

YOU WILL NEED:
— toilet paper roll core;
— grease or peanut butter;
— bird feed from the store or salt and spice-free nuts, grain or sunflower seeds;
— a twine.

Cover the toilet paper roll core in grease or peanut butter and then roll it in bird feed. Tie a twine through your feeder and hang it outside.

Don't forget, though, that birds like to come back to the same spot, once they find some food, so fill up the feeder again once it's empty.



December 19th!

6 days until Christmas!

Christmas is the most magical season of all. Waiting for Christmas to come and doing various crafts hold its own wonder. Today, let's discover the magical water painting technique!

YOU WILL NEED:
— a paper towel or toilet paper;
— color pens;
— a pen;
— a plate with water.

Fold a piece of paper towel in half. Draw the contour of a Christmas tree, baubles or gifts on one side with a pen and repeat the same image with colored pen on the other side. When you fold the paper, you should be able to see only the contour of the image.

Prepare a plate with some water and then let the magic do its work!

As you dip the folded piece of paper into the water, the contours of the image will fill with colors as the dye of the colored pen overflows.

Tip: Change the water in the plate before dipping a new drawing.



December 20th!

5 days until Christmas!

Practice your fine motor skills making snowflakes!

A wintry idea which is simple, easy to do and useful for those small fingers needing some exercise.

YOU WILL NEED:
— paper;
— paint (e.g., gouache);
— cotton swabs;
— colored pen to draw snowflakes.

Use a colored pen to draw snowflakes of all kinds of patterns and shapes. Let the children outline them and color them using cotton swabs.

Tip: Instead of coloring, you can glue pieces of colored paper to decorate your snowflakes. Allow your imagination to run free and create the most wondrous snowflakes!



December 21st!

4 days until Christmas!

Is your Christmas tree decorated yet? Today, let's try something simple, yet creative and fun. For this crafting idea, you will need some toilet paper cores!

YOU WILL NEED:
— 3 toilet paper cores;
— a sheet of paper;
— glue (you may use universal glue or hot glue);
— scissors;
— paint.

Cut the toilet paper cores in pieces of 2-3 cm in length. Cut out a star tree topper and the trunk for you tree. Glue everything to the sheet of paper shaping a Christmas tree and let your young artist paint and decorate the Christmas tree.





December 22nd!

3 days until Christmas!

Christmas is just around the corner! Let's spend the last days of Advent joyfully, discovering all the wonder our talented hands can do.

Have you ever tried painting on cosmetic cotton pads?

YOU WILL NEED:
— cotton pads;
— glue;
— paint (e.g., watercolor);
— a brush.

Glue the cotton pads to the paper as if they were Christmas baubles. Use a color pen to make twines and hang your baubles. Now, let's start painting!

Decorate the baubles in any colors you want. Feel free to use your fingertips or a pipette instead of a brush. Let your imagination run wild!



December 23rd!

2 days until Christmas!

Is the snow knee-deep? Or, perhaps, there is no snow at all as far as the eye can see?

NO PROBLEM AT ALL!

In any case, today is the day of snow!

YOU WILL NEED:
— snow (if there is no snow outside, use some ice cubes from the fridge or cotton);
— paint;
— pipettes or brushes.

Place your artificial snow into a flat dish and color it with paint. Let your children play to their heart's content with various color patterns and blends.

Tip: To bring more fun to the painting of snow, ice cubes or cotton, add some baking soda to your snow and a bit of vinegar to the paint. The fizzing and foaming snow will turn this activity into a great experiment.



December 24th!

Christmas is tomorrow!

This Advent, we've had some great crafting activities and made wonderful memories.

To make sure that these memories stay with you forever, take a family photo. May this photo be a special one, so don't wait any longer and get to making some snowmen from disposable plates!

YOU WILL NEED:
— disposable plates;
— colored paper (for the hat and scarf);
— glue (you can also use universal glue or hot glue);
— scissors or a knife;
— a stick;
— colored pen.

Cut out the middle of one of the plates with scissors or a knife. Glue another plate at the bottom of this one and then glue the stick below it (a paddle pop for ice cream is used in the photo). Glue the snowman's hat and scarf and draw the buttons on the bottom plate. **Voilà!**



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Have a very Merry Christmas,
filled with unforgettable moments!

