

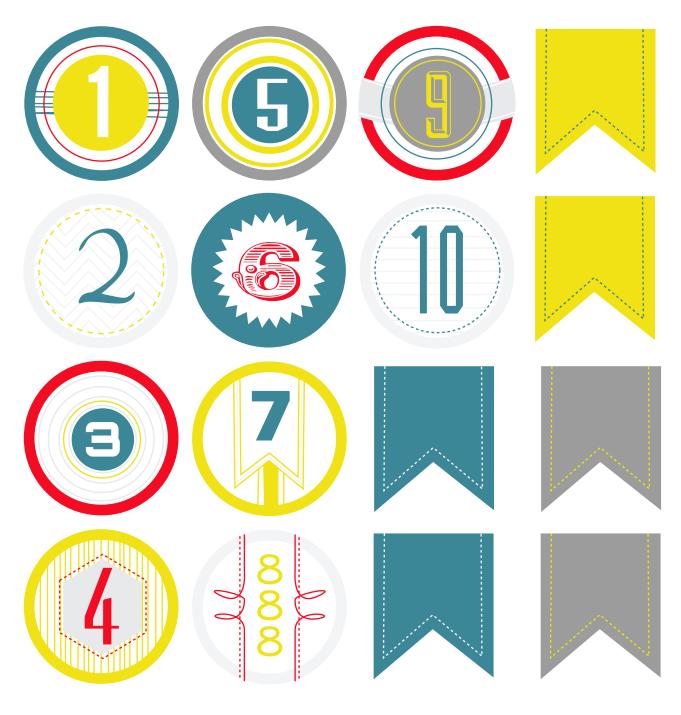




WOKE UP IN THE MORNING AND WE'RE HOME IN DAYS **SEVEN.** OPEN THIS GIFT AND ENJOY NEW TOY HEAVEN. WOKE UP IN THE MORNING AND WE'RE HOME IN DAYS **EIGHT.** HERE IS SOMETHING FUN TO DO WHILE YOU WAIT.

WOKE UP IN THE MORNING AND WE'RE HOME IN DAYS **NINE.** WE KNOW THAT YOU'LL LOVE THIS AND YOU'RE FEELING FINE.

WOKE UP IN THE MORNING AND WE'RE HOME IN DAYS **TEN.** WE HOPE THAT YOU'LL PLAY THIS OVER AND OVER AGAIN.





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# Parent Away Count Down Banner from TipJunkie.com

A fun 'parent away' vacation count down 'pocket banner' with poetry for kids to encourage them to pick a gift a day while Mom and Dad are on a parents trip.

If you're planning on leaving your kids with Grandparents or a babysitter, they will love choosing a poem each day {and unwrapping the corresponding gift} as the banner helps them count down to your arrival home!

### Supplies Needed To Make:

White Matte Photo Paper Ric Rak Ribbon Tape Scissors Hole Punch Hot Glue and Gun

My favorite part about this count down is that you don't need to buy anything! Simply print out the files on white paper and add some ribbon. Yep, it's THAT easy!





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Laurie Turk TipJunkie.com

### How to Make Library Pockets



### Step 1: How To Print

For the best results, print the library pockets, countdown squares, and poetry for kids files onto white matte photo paper. Although any paper will do.

### **Step 2: Print Library Pockets**

Cut out and fold the library pockets as directed on the printable. Then glue or tape the flaps to hold shut.



Step 3:

Glue or tape the count down squares onto the front of the library pockets.



# Step 4: Cut out the numbered poem squares.

These poems will be inserted into the library pockets and pulled out using the ribbon. So after you cut out the poetry for kids squares, hole punch the top, and tie on a ribbon.

Again, you can get as fancy as you want, but I simply put the ribbon together and tied a knot. To polish it off, I cut the ends at an angle.



### How to Make the Banner & Gift Tags



Cift Count Down Poem

#### Step 5:

Layout the ric rak onto your mantel {wherever you're hanging it} to make sure you have the proper sizing and then place a piece of tape on where you would cut. Don't cut yet! You'll want to lay down all of the numbered library pockets onto the ric rak to verify spacing and length so that everything fits properly.

Once you have the length for the ric rac, then cut on the tape. This will prevent fraying.

#### Step 6:

Hot glue the library pockets onto the ric rak.

#### Step 7:

Hang the count down garland and then place all of the poetry for kids cards inside the corresponding number library pocket.



### **Step 8: Prepare Small Gifts**

Time to go shopping! Pick out small gifts, games, puzzles, activities, toys, and treats that you know your children will love.



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## Parent Away: Gift Countdown Poem For Kids

Never fear, Mom and Dad these vacation poems are really general so your gifts can be as simple as a little treat, to more elaborate like a new toy. Pick your budget and then have fun creating this memory for your kids that will endure for years to come!

Day 10: Woke up in the morning and we're home in days ten. We hope that you'll play this over and over again. {toy, game, or puzzle gift}

Day 9: Woke up in the morning and we're home in days nine. We know that you'll love this and you're feeling fine. {anything}

Day 8: Woke up in the morning and we're home in days eight. Here is something fun to do while you wait. {toy, activity, puzzle, game gift}

Day 7: Woke up in the morning and we're home in days seven. Open this gift and enjoy new toy heaven. {toy gift}

Day 6: Woke up in the morning and we're home in days six. Open this gift I got you, just for kicks. {anything}

Day 5: Woke up in the morning and we're home in day five. Enjoy this treat waiting for us to arrive! {treat gift}

Day 4: Woke up in the morning and we're home in days four. Here's a fun game so you won't be bored. {game gift}

Day 3: Woke up in the morning and we're home in days three. Have a sweet treat 'cuz I know you miss me. {sweet gift}

Day 2: Woke up in the morning and we're home in days two. Open this gift it's something fun to do. {game or activity gift}

Day 1: Woke up in the morning and we're home in day one. I'll be home tomorrow as my trip is done!{anything}



