

Cookie Sheet Advent Calendar

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Here is a direct link to Shirley's Cookie Sheet Advent Calendar:
http://standingontheedge.blogs.com/standing_on_the_edge/2006/11/wink.html#comment-78021124

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How many more days until Christmas?

How many times do you think you will hear that this season? Well here is a fun way for your family to keep track. This Advent calendar is created on the back of a cookie sheet using some fun chipboard pieces from Ki Memories. All the numbers are easily stored on the inside of the cookie sheet when not in use.

This can become a family tradition for counting down to Christmas...

Supplies:

Cookie sheet, 11 X 17 metal with a lip all the way around

White paint (I used Making Memories)

1 12X12 white cardstock

Strip of black card stock

Scrap of red cardstock

1 sheet pattern paper (I used Reminisce Christmas Confetti)

1 package Ki Memories Joyful HipChips (if you prefer blues, check out Ki's winter HipChips and matching paper)

1 package Thickers by American Crafts (mine are Root beer Float in Black)

4 felt flowers (optional, mine are from American Crafts)

1-yard thick ribbon

½ yard each of 2 other ribbons

Set of numbers, I used Quickutz Olivia font, you can also use small rub-ons or hand write them.

Magnets, thin ones you can cut to size.

Glue dots

Adhesive

Black pen

Ruler

Crop-a-dile or drill

Sand paper or sanding block

Foam paintbrush

Instructions:

1. Using your Crop-a-dial punch 2 holes at the top about 5 inches apart.
2. Lightly sand the back of your cookie sheet.
3. Use your foam brush to paint the cookie sheet. You can paint the edges too if you would like. You do not need to paint the middle where the paper will be. Allow to dry.
4. Cut your white cardstock to 10X10. Use your black pen and ruler to draw out a grid 2" X 2". You should end up with a total of 25 squares.
5. Cut your pattern paper 7X12 for the top and 7X12 for the bottom.
6. Adhere pattern paper and cardstock grid to the cookie sheet.
7. Lightly paint edges with the white paint. Allow to dry.
8. Use your ruler to align the title "Count down".
9. Use bits of ribbon and tie around the "C" and the "O" then adhere to cookie sheet.
10. Outline a felt flower with your black pen. Tie a bit of ribbon around the number "2" then adhere to the felt flower. Adhere with glue dots under the title "Count down".
11. Use your ruler to align the word "Christmas". Adhere to cookie sheet under the grid.
12. Layout Hip Chips on grid as desired (do not adhere yet).
13. Add felt flower backing and ribbons as desired.
14. Adhere magnets to the back of each Hip Chip piece. Remove the adhesive on the back of the Hip Chips and use glue dots as well since the adhesive is not strong enough to keep the magnets adhered when pulling them off the cookie sheet.
15. Cut numbers from Quickutz (black card stock for 1 – 24 and red for 25) or use rub-ons. Adhere numbers to the Hip Chips. I ran mine through my Xyron X-box.
16. Adhere Hip Chip scroll under the word "Christmas"
17. String thick ribbon through holes at top and hang on your wall or use an easel on your counter.
18. Enjoy!