December Countdown Calendar

One Christmas activity a day, December 1 to 25.

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Day 3
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Day 4
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Day 5
Build a gingerbread village
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Day 6
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Day 7
Make a wreath for the door
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Day 8
Host a Christmas film night
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Day 9
Wrap every present beautifully
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Day 10
Make ice lanterns
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Day 11
Build a snow sculpture
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Day 12
Go stargazing on a clear night
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Day 13
Learn to play a carol
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Day 14
Make a batch of hot chocolate mix
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Day 15
Write a Christmas family quiz
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Day 16
Organize a toy donation
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Day 17
Cook breakfast for the family
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Day 18
Make a time capsule
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Day 19
Take a winter photo walk
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Day 20
Build a blanket fort cinema
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Day 21
Host a cocoa night for friends
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Day 22
Make a snow day den outside
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Day 23
Decorate a room from scratch
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Day 24
Set out milk and cookies
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Day 25
Cook, play, and enjoy the day
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HOW THE COUNTDOWN WORKS

Start on December 1. Find today on the calendar, do the activity written there, and tick the little box in its corner. By December 25, every box is ticked and every link is gone.

Paper Chain Countdown

Cut, loop, hang, and tear one link off each morning.

Cut along the edges, loop each link through the last one, and hang the finished chain where small hands can reach it. Every morning, tear off today and do what it says.

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When the last link comes off on December 25, the chain is gone and Christmas is here.

Grown-Ups Guide

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How to run the countdown

Cut the chain before December, while the house is still calm. Hang it low enough for small hands to reach. Every morning, one link comes off, and the day written on it gets done. Tick the calendar box at bedtime, so the month fills up where you can see it.

Five tips that keep it fun

1. Older children can lead a day from start to finish. Let them plan it, run it, and tidy up.
2. A grown-up should know the cooking plan, even when your teenager leads the kitchen.
3. Move any day that clashes with school or friends to another date. The chain keeps tearing either way.
4. Take the camera outside with a sibling or a friend. Shared nights make better memories.
5. Give your teenager one whole day to run alone, from planning to tidying up.

All 25 days at a glance

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