December Countdown Calendar

One Christmas activity a day, December 1 to 25.

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Day 2
Learn a new Christmas song
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Day 3
Read a Christmas chapter
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Day 4
Cut a snowflake garland
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Day 5
Bake and decorate cookies
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Day 6
Make salt dough ornaments
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Day 7
Build a snowman family
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Day 8
Make a hot chocolate bar
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Day 9
Build a blanket fort cinema
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Day 10
Go on a Christmas lights walk
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Day 11
Wrap all the family presents
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Day 12
Make a paper plate wreath
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Day 13
Make ice ornaments
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Day 14
Host a board game night
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Day 15
Invent a Christmas joke
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Day 16
Make a snow globe
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Day 17
Give away toys you have outgrown
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Day 18
Make a gingerbread house
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Day 19
Have a Christmas film night
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Day 20
Make a stocking from felt
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Day 21
Sing carols for neighbours
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Day 22
Build a snow fort
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Day 23
Make reindeer food
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Day 24
Set out milk and cookies
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Day 25
Play with your gifts and relax
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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.

Make Your Own Countdown

Your December, your rules. Invent 25 activities of your own.

Day 1 Write your activity here.	**Day 2** Write your activity here.	**Day 3** Write your activity here.	**Day 4** Write your activity here.	**Day 5** Write your activity here.
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Fill each blank day box with an activity of your own, then copy the same words onto the blank links below. Your December, invented by you.

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Day 10	Write your activity here.	Cut here

Ten blank links are printed above. Cut the rest from scrap paper when you need more.

Grown-Ups Guide

One activity a day, from December 1 to December 25.

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. Hand your child the tearing job. One link each morning, torn off by them, no exceptions.
2. Set out everything for a making day before you start, so the middle stays calm.
3. Swap a day that does not fit your week, and keep the chain moving.
4. Outdoor days still need a warm coat and a grown-up close by.
5. The blank calendar is the best page. A December your child invents is one they follow.

All 25 days at a glance

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