## Christmas Advent Calendar

Final Size: 20"x30"

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#### Materials:

- 60cmx90cm (23.5"x35") Grey Felt
- 60cmx90cm (23.5"x35") Iron-On Parlan
- 60cmx90cm (23.5"x35") Backing Fabric
- x1 A4 Felt Sheet of each colour: Yellow

Blue

Green (x3 different shades)

Pink

Purple

Brown/Tan

- 2 metres/yards White 20mm (¾") Herringbone or Cotton Twill Tape
- 20cm (¼" yard) HeatnBond or Vliesofix Paper
- 1 metre/yard 3mm (1/4") Cord
- Buttons, Pom Poms & Ribbons for decorating
- Number Stamp Set & Black Ink
  Pad
- 2cmx51cm (½"x20") Wooden Dowel
- Sewing Machine & Basic Sewing Notions

### Cutting:

From the Grey Felt, Parlan and Backing Fabric cut:

- x1: 20.5"x30.5" rectangle

From each of the Yellow, Blue, Pink, Purple and (one) Green A4 Felt Sheet cut:

- x5: 3" squares (pockets)
- x1: 2"x3" rectangle (top tabs)

From the (two left over) Green A4 Felt Sheets cut:

- x1: 6"x6.5" rectangle (darker shade for big tree)
- x2: 4.5"x5: rectangles (lighter shade for two smaller trees)

From the Brown/Tan A4 Felt Sheet cut:

- x3: 2"x1.5" rectangles (tree stumps)

#### To make & attach the numbered felt pockets:

- 1. With a number stamp set and ink pad, stamp the numbers 1 through to 25 on all 25 pieces of Herringbone/Twill tape. Let dry.
- 2. Pin the numbered tape pieces to each of the 3" pocket felt squares ensuring that no same colour squares are next to each other.
  - 3. Carefully sew along the edges of the numbered tape pieces on all 25 squares.
- 4. Lay numbers 21 to 25 along the bottom edge of the large grey felt rectangle. Pin them into place 1.5" in from all edges and ½" a part.
  - 5. Sew around each side, minus the top edge, starting and finishing with a back-stitch.
  - 6. Repeat steps 5 and 6 until all 25 pocket squares have been sewn into even rows onto the grey felt rectangle.

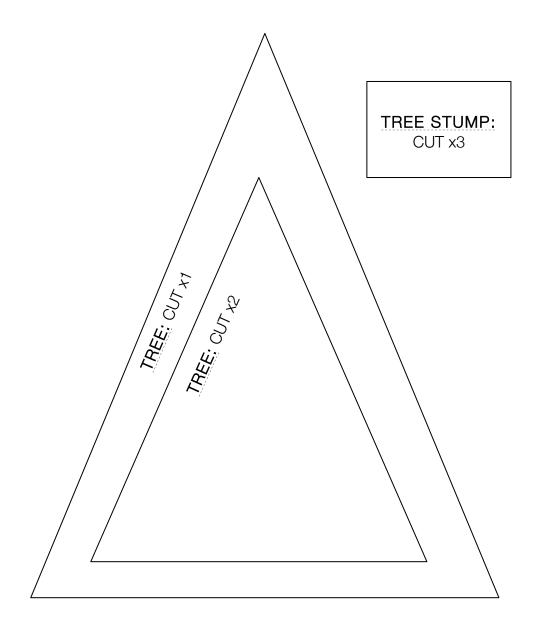
#### To make & applique the Christmas Trees:

- 1. With a pencil, trace the tree and stump templates (page 3) on the paper side of the HeatnBond and roughly cut out around each shape.
  - 2. Iron the big tree to the dark green felt rectangle, the two smaller trees to the lighter green felt rectangles and the stumps to the brown felt rectangles. (Set the iron to medium heat and no steam.)
    - 3. Cut the shapes out along the trace lines.
- 4. Position the trees along the top of the grey felt rectangle, 2" above the top line of pockets and 1.5" a part.
  - 5. Peel away the paper and press into place with the iron.
  - 6. Carefully sew around the edges of each tree and stump.

#### Finishing Touches:

- 1. Set the iron to a medium-to-hot heat with steam and press the parlan to the back of the grey felt rectangle (front piece).
- 2. Fold the 5 top tab felt rectangles in half and pin them to the top of the front piece, folded side edges facing inwards. Space them 1" in from the side edges and 2" a part.
- 3. Securely pin the backing piece, print side facing down, onto the top piece. Sew a ¼" seam along each edge, leaving a 6" or 7" gap on one side.
  - 4. Snip the corners and turn the layers right way out through the 6"-7" gap.
  - 5. Fold, press and pin the opening gap close and then top stitch along all sides to sew the gap close and to prevent the edges from rolling.
    - 6. Apply any finishing touches to the Christmas trees.
    - 7. Guide the wooden dowel through the top tabs and tie the cord to either end.
    - 8. Hang up the Advent Calendar and fill the pockets with chocolates, candy or toys.

# Applique Pieces



Do you have any feedback on this pattern? Let me know by sending an email to: <u>3and3quarters@gmail.com</u>

> There is also a vlog tutorial showing you how I made mine. You can watch it by clicking <u>here</u>.

Thank you for your interest in this pattern. I hope you enjoying making it!