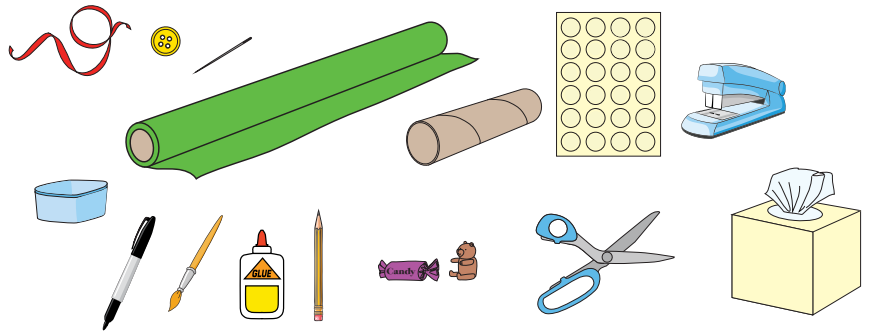


DIY CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

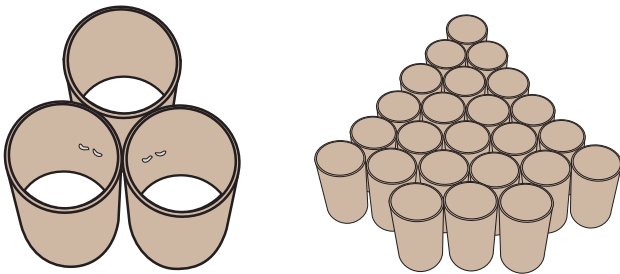
Adults can make this project as a surprise for kids or partner-up with the kiddos and make it a fun family project. Young children require adult supervision.

Materials needed

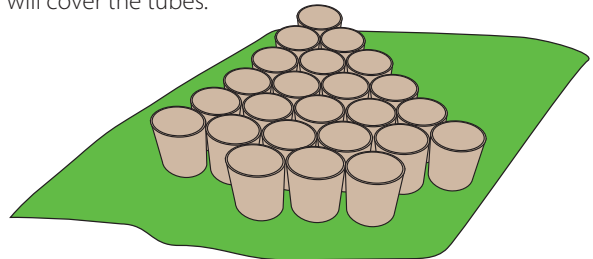
- > 6 paper towel tubes (cut into 4 pieces each) or 2-3 gift wrap tubes (cut into 2¾" pieces)
- > wrapping paper
- > 24 little sweets
- > 24 little gifts
- > tissues
- > glue and small container
- > paint brush
- > ribbon
- > large button or bead
- > large needle or sharp, pointy tool
- > stapler
- > permanent marker and pencil
- > scissors
- > 24 blank stickers



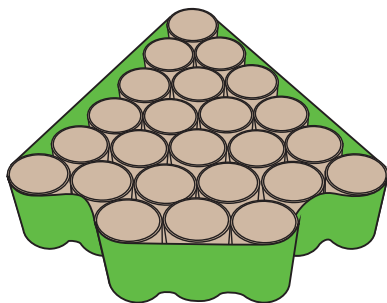
1. Staple tubes into desired shape: tree, circle or oval.



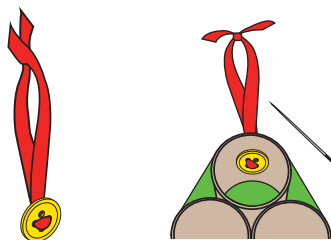
2. Trace shape with pencil onto 2 pieces of wrapping paper. For the front piece, cut slightly larger than traced shape. For the back piece, cut larger so the paper will cover the tubes.



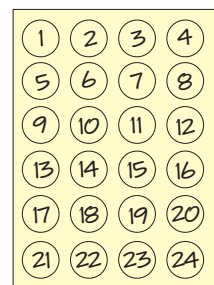
3. Place tubes on the larger piece of paper. Pour glue into small container. Glue wrapping paper to the tubes using brush.



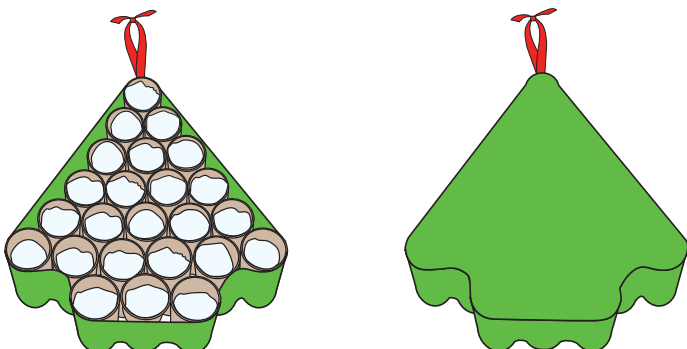
4. Prepare the hanger by threading ribbon through button or bead. Use needle or sharp tool to pierce a hole through top tube and pull ribbon through hole from inside-out, stopping at button. Tie ends of ribbon into a knot.



5. Write numbers from 1 to 24 on the stickers using permanent marker.



6. Wrap 1 sweet and 1 gift in a tissue. Then, put 1 package in each hole and cover with second piece of wrapping paper to seal the calendar.



7. Stick on the numbers over each hole and hang your DIY Christmas Countdown calendar on the wall. Starting December 1st, poke one hole per day to reveal a gift until done!

