

Advent Calendar Tutorial

24 squares (5" x 5") in white

12 squares (5" x 5") in Christmassy prints

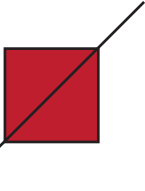
8 squares (5" x 5") in matching / contrasting prints for the border

12 squares (5" x 5") of fusible interfacing



Press together the 12 print squares and the 12 interfacing squares.

If you are not sure which side is "sticky", put your interfacing between 2 print squares with right sides out.



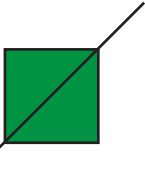
Cut each squares into Half Square Triangles. The interfacing should prevent unraveling, but you could use a decorative stitch to ensure it doesn't.

There are now 24 HSTs.

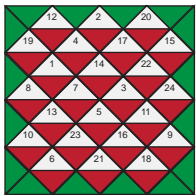


Pin each HST onto 1 white square, matching corners and edges.

Embroider, applique, or even draw a number in the opposite corner.



Cut the remaining 8 squares into Half Square Triangles, giving 16 HSTs.



Arrange your numbered blocks randomly with the HSTs in the bottom corner (this will create a pouch for your advent goodies).

Arrange the 16 border HSTs around the numbered blocks.

Sew the blocks in diagonal rows.

Sew the rows together, pinning well to ensure the seams line up.

That's it, your advent calendar top is complete!

Now you can add batting and back. I quilted mine about 0.25" from each seam, making nice tight pockets for chocolates and sweets.

You'll need about 126" of binding (that's about 3.5m) and 1yd (about 1m) of ribbon for ties.

You could also add a cardboard back to make it stiffer (after quilting!!).