

Christmas Advent Calendar



This Advent Calendar project can be used year after year. Whether you make it for your own family or as a gift for a special friend, this project will become a charished part of the Christmas season.

The project includes a quilted background, a quote or saying, a pocket for each day in December before Christmas of the same color, a special pocket in a different color for Christmas day, numbers for each pocket, a small gift bag with a tag for instructions for each pocket, and a gift wrapped box or other container for the supplies needed for each day's activities, and a Christmas themed decoration for the top of the box.

Included in this document is a starter list of activities. Of course, you can make up your own list of activities and you will probably want to change some or all of them each year to keep a little surprise in the calendar. You are going to come up with many of your own ideas to customize this for your own family or as a gift. I know you are going to love this project as much as I do.

Merry Christmas!



Fabric:

- 1/2 yard red for letters
- 1.5 yards red for border and binding
- 1.5 yards white - numbers and background
- 2 yards dark blue for pockets
- 2 yards light blue for pocket background
- 3 yards backing

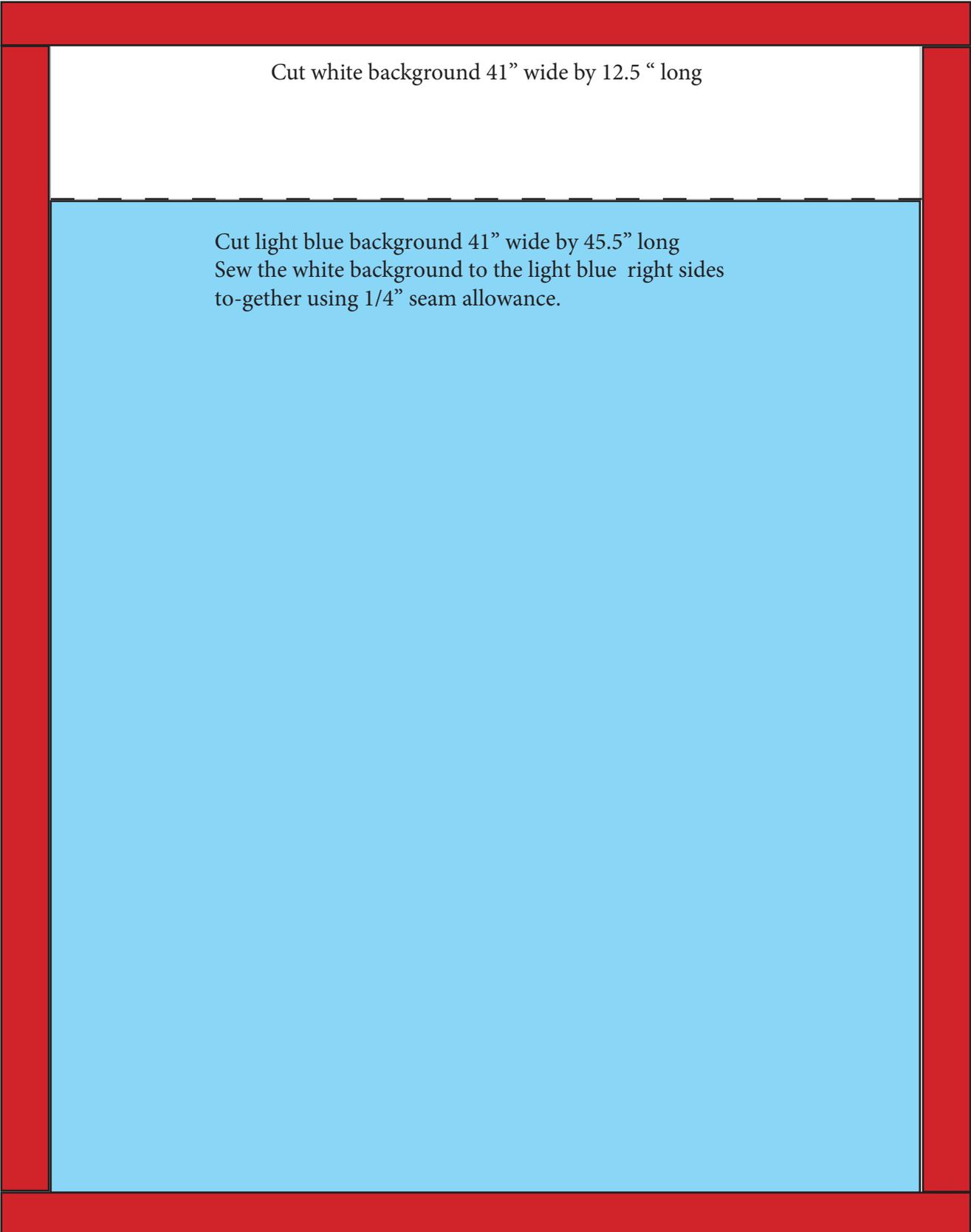
Materials:

- Assorted ribbons
- Assorted buttons
- Tacky Glue
- Card Stock for tags
- Basket or Box to hold days activity supplies
- White small paper bag for candy pieces
- Christmas Gnome for guarding basket

Cutting:

Cut white background 41" wide by 12.5 " long

Cut light blue background 41" wide by 45.5" long
Sew the white background to the light blue right sides together
using 1/4" seam allowance.



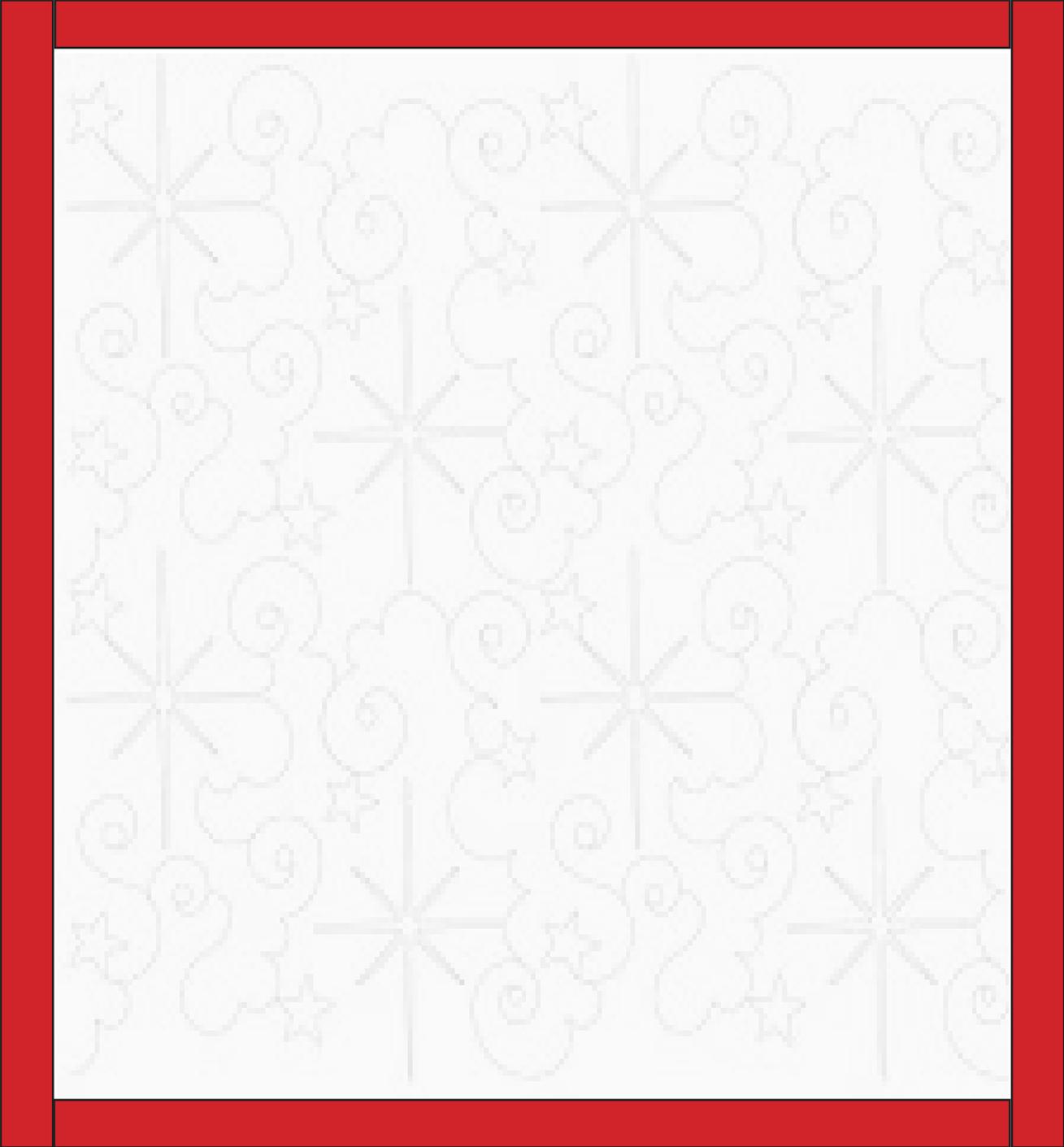
Cut white background 41" wide by 12.5 " long

Cut light blue background 41" wide by 45.5" long
Sew the white background to the light blue right sides
to-gether using 1/4" seam allowance.

Cut 4 strips for borders 3" WOF (Width of Fabric). Sew the side borders on first and cut off the excess. Next, sew on the top and bottom borders and cut off any excess.

Quilting:

The background can be quilted at this point, if desired. I used my frame to quilt my sample. This is your advent so personalize it and make it suit your family



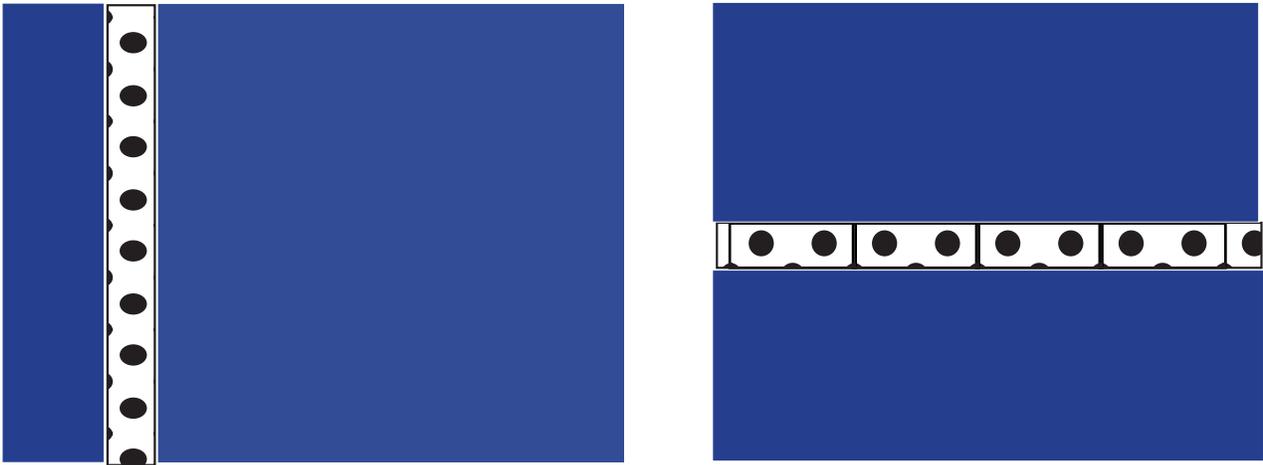
Cutting the Pockets:

Day 1 - Cut two - 8.5" by 9.5"
Day 2 - Cut two - 7" by 5.5"
Day 3 - Cut two - 11.5 by 5.25"
Day 4 - Cut two - 9.75" by 5.25"
Day 5 - Cut two - 8.50" by 8"
Day 6 - Cut two - 8" by 7"
Day 7 - Cut two - 9.75" by 5.25"
Day 8 - Cut two - 7.50" by 5.50"
Day 9 - Cut two - 6.50" by 4.50"
Day 10 - Cut two - 7.25" by 7.25"
Day 11 - Cut two - 4.50" by 8"
Day 12 - Cut two - 5.50" by 7.50"

Day 13 - Cut two - 6.25" by 5.25"
Day 14 - Cut two - 13" by 5"
Day 15 - Cut two - 7.5" by 5.25"
Day 16 - Cut two - 16.5" by 9.5"
Day 17 - Cut two - 9.5" by 5"
Day 18 - Cut two - 8.25" by 8.25"
Day 19 - Cut two - 7.50" by 8"
Day 20 - Cut two - 7.25" by 9"
Day 21 - Cut two - 5" by 13"
Day 22 - Cut two - 12" by 5.75"
Day 23 - Cut two - 6" by 5"
Day 24 - Cut two - 8.50" by 6.25"
Day 25 - Cut two - 8.50" by 13.75"



Put the two pieces cut for each pocket right sides together. Sew around each block using a 1/4" seam. Leave an opening just large enough to pull pocket right side out. Press seams flat. Sew the opening shut.



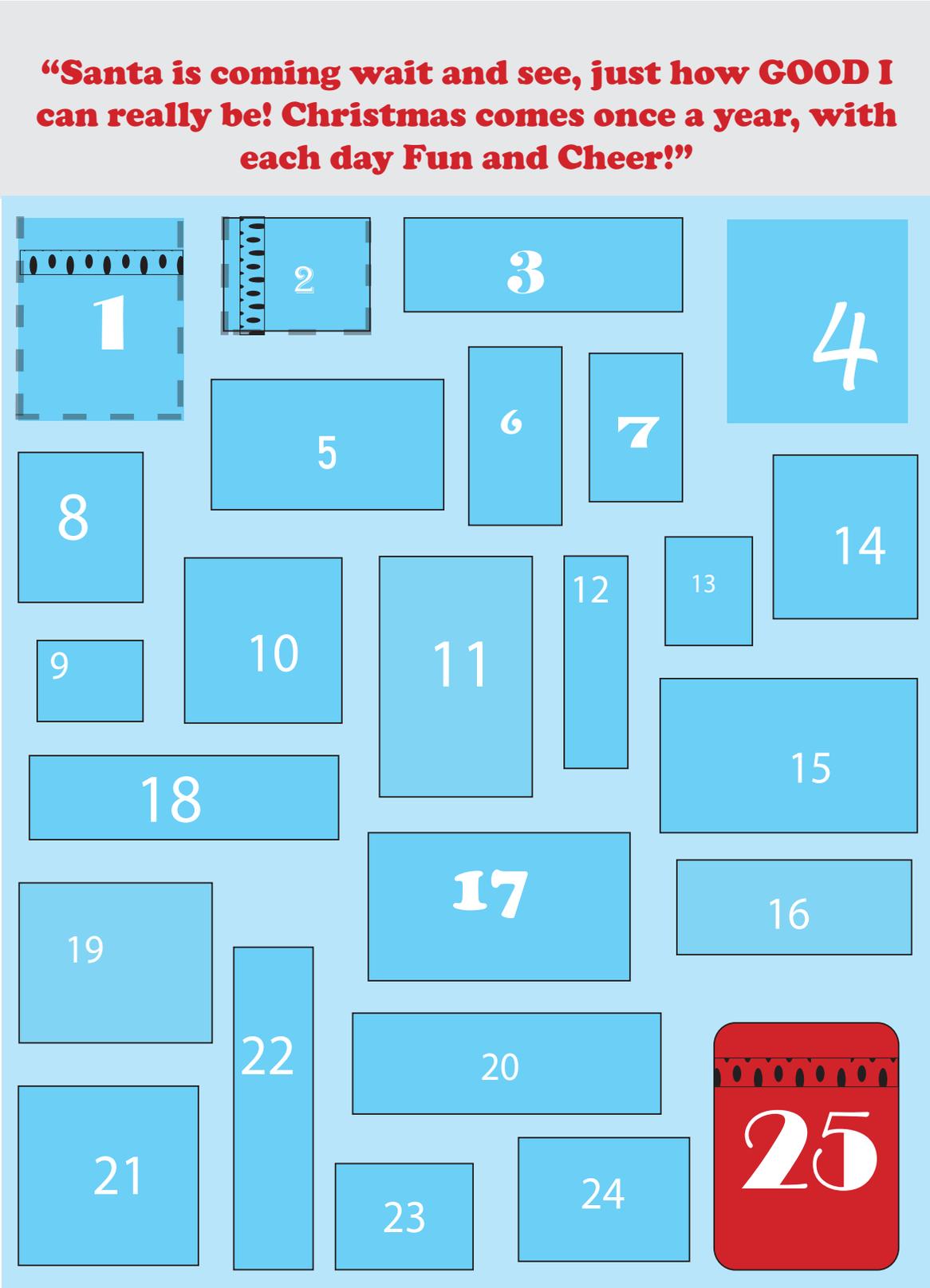
I used ribbon to embellish the pockets. Sew it on each of the pockets. I sewed some of the ribbon on the length and some on the width of the pockets. Sometimes I sewed it to the middle and other times off to the edge. You can sew it on anywhere you want.

Preparing the text and the pocket numbers:

Use heat and bond heavy duty iron on and cut your letters for your advent saying and numbers. I used the same font but increased the sizes on some of the numbers. Feel free to change it up and make it specific to your family. I used for the font “Amasis MT Pro Black” size 110. For the numbers I used the same font but sizes 200, 220 and 250.

**“Santa is coming wait and see,
just how GOOD I can really be!
Christmas comes once a year,
with each day Fun and Cheer!”**

Lay your advent quilt out and pin each of the pockets to your desired placement. I used my frame and long arm to sew around each of the pocket to secure them on to the quilt.



I purchased small white paper bags and filled them with peppermint taffy. I then put a different tag on each bag for th each day. The tag includes the activity for the day. These can be hand written or printed.

The box that held the supplies with the Gnome on it was just a box I had. You can use a basket or whatever you want to give with the advent calendar.

The Gnome was purchased as well but he was holding the “GNOME PEAKING!”

The box is filled the night before!



25 Days of Fun & Cheer

01. Decorate the Tree Day: find special ornaments for each child
02. Clean the House Day: get ready for Santa! have cleaning supplies for kids to use
03. Set Up Nativity day: think about the baby Jesus
04. Good deeds & sledding day: day to do secret kind deeds but don't say it was you
05. Make snowflakes day: scissors, paper and glitter
06. Make Cookies Day: for neighbors or just to eat
07. Christmas List day: go to store and look around or Online and dream
08. Make a Snowman Day: if you don't have snow, use marshmallows or if you have extra batting then stuff with rice or beans and use for tossing the snow man
09. Hot Chocolate Tasting Day: try different flavors or come up with your own.
10. "Sewed In" Day: have kids work on a sewing project
11. Learn about other countries or other religions, Christmas traditions, or try some food, games or a story.
12. Secret Santa: do something nice for someone without them knowing who did it.
13. Make a Bird Feeder Day: use pine cones and peanut butter and bird seeds.
14. Skating Day: you can do it in your socks and wood or linoleum floors or go skating. (Have a contest! who is the best skater? you can put some fun socks in the pocket.)
15. Try Something New Day: It could be food or doing something that you have never done before.
16. Superhero Day: watch the movie "Jingle All the Way" Find a veteran or another hero and honor them with something homemade.
17. Make the Neighbors a Treat Day.
18. Earn Money for Charity Day: do some chose to earn money to donate for charrity
19. Write Your Letter to Santa Day
20. Make Gingerbread Cookies Day: or a gingerbread house
21. Wrapping it up Day: wrap gifts and add some special touches.
22. Light it up Day. Go around the neighborhood and pick your favorite lighted house and make a ribbon to award them.
23. Toys for Charity Day: go through your toys and decide which special toys to keep and what to give to charity.
24. Get ready for Santa day: make sure you have been nice clean and ready for bed. Special blanket to sleep under. Make cookies for Santa.
25. Opening Day: Read about the birth of the savior and then open presents.

