

# HOW TO MAKE AN ADVENT CALENDAR AND STAR CARD HOLDER BOARD

## PROJECT GUIDE



DIFFICULTY: EASY  
DURATION: 3 HOURS

### WHAT YOU NEED FOR THIS JOB

- Two 1-inch x 6-inch x 8-foot boards of lumber
- Twelve 1-inch pan head screws
- Drill with bit
- Pencil
- Square
- Yardstick or measuring tape
- Paint or stain
- Circular saw
- French cleat (optional)

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## STEP 1

Cut the wood. From each board, you want three 20-inch pieces and one 30-inch piece. Start by precisely measuring the boards. Then use the circular saw to cut along the guides. You'll want to measure and cut each piece one at a time, as the circular saw takes about one-eighth inch off the wood, so your measurements will be slightly off if not done separately.



## STEP 2

Paint or stain your lumber. You can paint it any color to match your holiday theme or stain it for a rich look. The six 20-inch boards are the body of the board, and the two 30-inch boards are the backing.



## STEP 3

Get the boards ready to assemble. Lay the six 20-inch boards on a flat surface horizontally, with the back, unpainted side facing up. The boards should be straight and lined up.

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## STEP 4

Measure and mark the guides for the back braces. Measure three inches over from the top left side of the top board and then one and a half inches down and make a mark. Then measure three inches over from the left side of the bottom board and make a mark. Next, measure one and a half inches from the bottom of the bottom board and make a mark. Do the same thing on the right side.



## STEP 5

Use the drill and pan head screws to attach the backing braces to the boards. Make sure you have at least one screw in each board.



## STEP 6

If you plan to hang this from a wall, your final step will be to attach the French cleat to the braces. Do not attach it to the horizontal boards – only to the backing boards.

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## STEP 7

Now that your board is ready, you can move on to the Project Guide for either the Advent Calendar or the Star Card Holder to finish a great holiday project.