

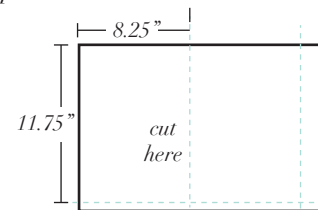
The holiday season is one of the most treasured times of the year—but sometimes it can go by so fast! An Advent calendar is a way to take time to enjoy every day in the countdown to Christmas, giving you something to look forward to with each small gift. We made this calendar using two of our new placemats for a festive look, but it can be customized to fit your holiday decor using whatever papers you have available.

Wondering what to put in the pockets? While chocolates are classic, small toys, sweet notes, and miniature sips and snacks (hot chocolate mix and a nip of peppermint schnapps, anyone?) also make great gifts throughout the season.

MATERIALS NEEDED

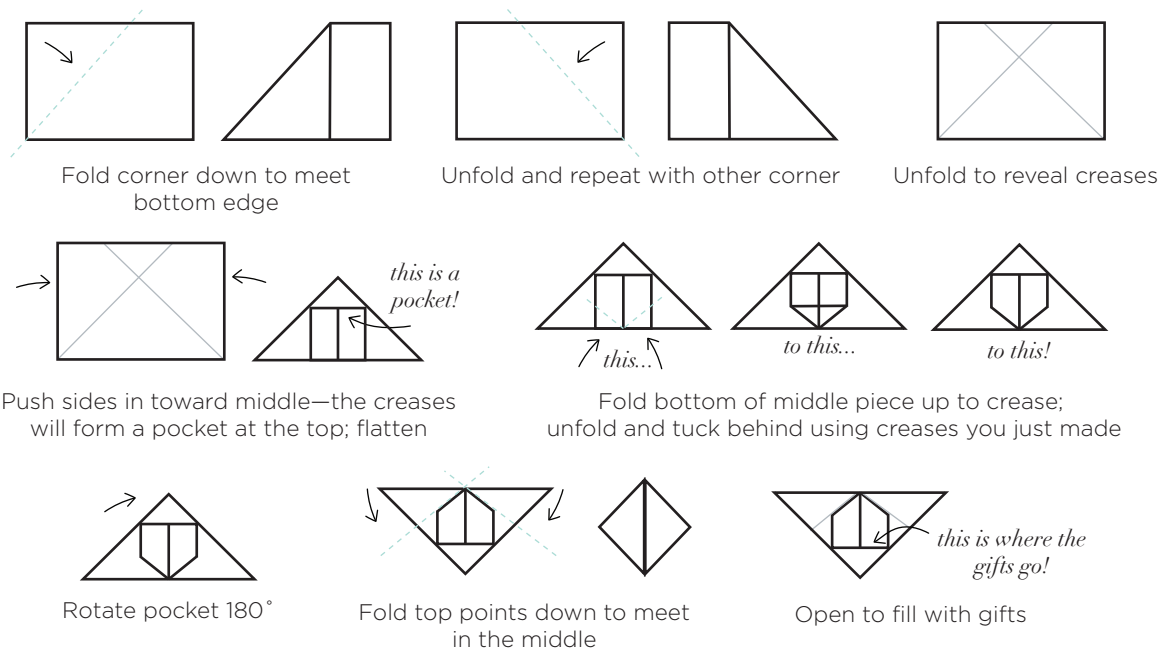
12 H&C placemats, pencil, scissors or hobby knife, ruler, strong adhesive (glue or framer's tape), H&C runner, painter's tape, washi tape

MARK the back of your placemats with pencil to measure the sheets needed to construct your gift pockets; you will get two per placemat sheet. Each rectangle should be 8.25" x 11.75".



CUT your rectangles with scissors or a hobby knife and set aside. Cut a length of runner that will cover most of the door where you'll be hanging your calendar, plus a few extra inches.

FOLD your pockets using the diagram below; repeat with all papers for a total of 24 pockets.



HANG your runner on the back of a door using painter's tape—we folded the extra length over the top of the door and taped there for extra security.

ATTACH your pockets to the runner using glue or framer's tape. Feel free to add extra decoration like our Eight Tiny Reindeer Bunting!

FILL each pocket with a small gift or treat, then secure pockets closed with a strip of washi tape across both flaps. Let the countdown begin!