You and your child may wonder how to use some of the items in this calendar. Here are some tips and instructions that go with each day's toy. Keep this away from young eyes so they don't get any hints about the surprises coming their way!

You can also find all this information, revealed day-by-day, along with fun surprises, on our site at **PLBFUN.COM/ADVENT** 

Feel free to check it with your kids every day since we'll be updating it every morning in December to show information about that day's toy and extra surprises for kids, like daily holiday advent countdown coloring pages and even some surprises for parents like special deals and savings. And, on a personal note before the countdown begins, thank you so much for choosing our advent calendar. We know that Christmas is such a special time for families, and you want to capture that excitement for your child; we are thrilled to be a part of your celebration this year.

If you ever have any questions, comments, concerns or feedback, please reach out to us. If you have photos that you're sharing on social media, please tag us, we're **@plbfun** and we love seeing kids enjoying our toys.

# We wish you all the best this holiday season!

# What's Inside the Advent Calendar?

## **Daily Trivia and Riddles**

Inside each door, there is a fun Christmas themed joke or riddle.

## Day 1 – Triceratops Dinosaur Figure

Start off the advent season with a fun dinosaur figure.

## Day 2 – String and Clasps Magic Trick

#### The first magic trick!

With this trick, you're going to magically cut the string with the clasp attachment, and magically re-attach it so it's whole again.

#### How it Works:

**Step 1:** Insert the string through the clasp device. Make a big show that the string is intact as it goes it.

**Step 2:** Time to "cut" it. Say some magical incantation words and slide the clasp to the side, revealing the now "cut" piece of string offset from the original. It will look strange to your audience as the middle of the string appears cut!

**Step 3:** Wave your hand and say some magical words and slide the middle piece back to "mend" the string back to one piece. Alternatively, you can face the windows on the clasp away from your audience and pull out the "cut" string without "mending" it first.

**Step 4:** Pull the string back out of the clasp mechanism and wow your audience with the string back in one piece!

Checkout **www.plbfun.com/advent** for a video tutorial on how it works.

#### Day 3 – Race Car

A fun race car for your car collection.

#### Day 4 - Dice Guessing Magic Trick

#### A magic trick!

With this one, you'll get someone to choose a number on the dice, which you're going to guess, correctly of course!

## How it Works:

**Step 1:** Get your audience to choose a number on the dice, and place it face up inside the small container. Have the container on a table, and get them to place it inside, and cover it with the small lid (without you seeing it, and without the container lifting from the table)

**Step 2:** Once the lid is on, you'll grab it and ask the audience member if there's any chance you've seen the chosen number, which they'll answer no.



**Step 3:** You'll need to make up a story whereby you can hold the small container (by the top and bottom edges) and tip the container forward (so the dice slices up against the lid). Here's the trick: if the dice is right up against the lid, you'll be able to see it!

**Step 4:** Place the small container inside the big one and close the lid, and shake it about, tell a story, magical words, and guess the correct number (since you've already seen it!)

**Step 5:** Take the small container out of the big one, open its lid and show the audience the correct number showing inside the container!



## Day 5 – Color Changing Pen

A pen with a twist! It changes color as you write! Shake well before use.

## Day 6 - Paracord Bracelet Craft

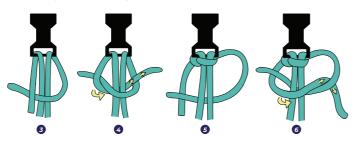
We recommend you head over to WWW.PLBFUN.COM/ INSTRUCTIONS for a detailed video on making paracord bracelets.

The **basic cobra stitch** bracelet is an easy place to start.

- Take a length of paracord and find the middle.
- Do a cow loop though one end of the buckle. (Photo 1)
- Put loose ends of the paracord through the other buckle. Make sure they're facing the same way. (Photo 2)
- •At this point, wrap it around your wrist to size the bracelet. Hold the loose ends of the paracord and start knotting. Repeat the steps below until you finish.
- 1. Right over and under (Photo 3).

**2.** Left under and through (Photo 4) and tighten.

- 3. Right under and over (Photo 5).
- 4. Left over and through (Photo 6) and tighten.5. Repeat 1-4 until you finish.



If you see the bracelet beginning to twist, you've done the same side twice in a row. Go back and re-do it.

Use scissors to trim the excess paracord when you reach the end. Ask an adult to use a lighter to slightly melt the ends of the cut paracord so it doesn't fray.

This is a pretty easy process, but one that's easier to follow on video. Go to **WWW.PLBFUN.COM/** INSTRUCTIONS for a tutorial.

## Day 7 - Scratch and Sniff Stickers

STINKY!!! Scented Stickers! Peel and Stick. Scratch them to release the scent.

If your little one likes these scented stickers, we sell a pack with 15 different scents (not stinky like Santa's boots), with fun designs!

### Day 8 – 3 Fidget Rings

If you like to fidget, you'll like these three fidget rings. They're super tactile and fun. Just don't wear them on your fingers for too long (they can be a little tight to wear, but tons of fun to feel, stretch and roll!)

## Day 9 – Scratch Paper Notes

Your new scratch paper contains a brilliant gold background under the opaque surface. Simply use the enclosed scratcher to scratch away the surface to reveal what's underneath. Draw your own unique art or notes!

#### How it Works:

- Using the Stylus, Scratch the surface of the paper gently, but firmly enough that your movement removes the top layer.
- Gently wipe away or tap the paper vertically to remove any residue left by your scratches.
- Scratchy Scratch away! Reveal the what's under the coated paper with every stroke of your stylus!
- We have Scratchy Scratch mini notes available with different colored backgrounds available if you love these. They make an amazing stocking stuffer! We also have full sized paper as notepads, loose paper and even scratch paper with colored surfaces instead of black. We even make gift bags with scratch paper built-in so you don't have to worry about losing your card. So many options for creativity!

## Day 10 – ShinkArt Crafts

Use the included pencil crayons to color in the included designs. Color on the rough side of the plastic for best results. When you're ready, get an adult to help shrink it in the oven (the plastic shrinks to about one third of the original size and gets thicker).

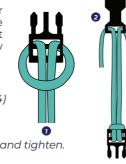
## HAVE AN ADULT HELP YOU OPERATE THE OVEN!

- Preheat a toaster oven (recommended) or conventional oven to 325° F (165° C).
- Use baking parchment paper or tin foil to line a baking pan. For best results, make sure it's a nice flat, even baking pan.
- Place your film pieces with the colored side up on the lined tray.
- Bake in preheated oven for 30 to 60 seconds, or until the pieces stop shrinking (they will curl up at first, then lay flat again. Once they flatten out, they are done).
- If the pieces don't flatten out on their own, but have stopped shrinking, you can take them out of the oven using oven mitts, and they can be lightly pressed down using a folded paper for about 20 seconds as they cool.

#### TIP: You only have a few seconds to press them before they start to cool. You can always warm them up again if needed.

- Once it has completely cooled, you can use your shrunk creation with one of the included accessories.
- Use the hole to secure your creation to the chain or clip loop.





## Day 11 – Air Dry Clay Christmas Tree Craft

Use the included air-dry clay to make your own Ornament. Unlike the craft from Day 6, this one does not require an oven. Once it is shaped, just leave it out overnight and it will dry and harden naturally. *Checkout* **www.plbfun.com/advent** for a video tutorial on how it works.

## To create a Christmas Tree, follow these steps:

**1.** Roll out the clay into a flat shape (you can use a plastic cup or water bottle as a rolling pin).

**2.** Using your fingers, pinch the clay from the sides to create the various levels of the tree.

**3.** Use some of the leftover gemstones from yesterday's ShrinkArt crafts to decorate the tree.

4. Insert the little hook at the top.

5. Let it air dry for 24 hours.

## HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOUR PROJECT TURNS OUT FANTASTIC!

- Plan your design: Sketch out on paper what you're thinking of making with the air-dry clay, before committing to doing it.
- Clean Surface: Work on a smooth, well-cleaned, non-porous surface. A cookie sheet, clean table surface, wax paper, or a plastic tray/lid are all good options. This will keep the clay from picking up any dirt or debris or sticking to the work surface.
- Small Amount: Since the clay is made to air-dry, try to only pull out what you need, and leave the rest sealed in the bag, to prevent it drying out. Take out more only as you need it.
- Feel it: Working and kneading the clay with your hands is a good practice. It will give you a sense and feel of how the clay works and shapes.
- Work it: Knead the clay before shaping it to your creation. This will warm it up and make it easier to work with, and easier to spread and shape.
- Shape it: You can use your hands, the included shaping tool, or any other crafting tools and materials you may have on hand, to shape the clay into your desired creation. You can create anything you imagine.

#### Tip: Try different items to shape the clay; a cup to roll it thin, paper clips for pin holes and shaping lines, ribbons for texture, etc. What else can you think of to use as a tool?

- Water Rescue: The clay dries naturally when exposed to air. If your designs aren't sticking very well, use a little water to reactivate the clay, and use it as a "glue" to stick two pieces of clay together. A couple of drops of water will also reactivate and soften the clay. But don't use too much!
- Drying: Once you're happy with your creation, let it sit for a few hours (24 is probably ideal) to let the design set, before you use it.

# Day 12 – Chain and Ring Magic Trick

Ready to show off you magic skills?

As with any magic trick, you want to practice the trick so that when you perform the trick for someone, it looks easy. This is one of a few tricks that even if you explain what is happening, it is still amazing.

## How it Works:

**Step 1:** Start by holding the chain hanging off your non-dominant hand.

**Step 2:** With the ring in your dominant hand, bring it onto the loop of the chain that is hanging down (from underneath, so that the chain is entirely within the ring.

Step 3: You are going to "drop" the ring, and it'll loop itself onto the chain.

Here's the magic bit: If you do just drop the ring, it will fall to the floor. What you have to do is flick the ring just enough that it flips 180 degrees and catches on the loop of the chain in a half hitch knot.

Practice makes perfect. If you want to see how it's done, head over to www.plbfun.com/advent for a video tutorial.

#### Day 13 – Rubik's Cube Keychain

A classic rubik's cube on a keychain. Can you solve it? We can't 😂 Visit **www.plbfun.com/advent** and we'll have links to some serious tutorials there.

## Day 14 – Ball and Vase, or Egg and Cup, Magic Trick

More magic! This is one of the easiest tricks to master, and it's also one of the most impressive once you master it!

#### How it Works:

Step 1: Open the vase to reveal a colored ball in the cup of the base

Step 2: Pull the ball out and put it in your pocket and tell your audience you are going to make the ball reappear in the vase

Step 3: Replace the top of the vase and wave your hand over it.

# Tip: Uttering a magical incantation while waving your hand will add to the illusion.

Step 4: Here's the magic! Lift the trick top, showing a secret compartment and revealing a second, "gimmick" ball, alued inside

Step 5: Time to make it disappear again! Make the ball disappear by replacing the trick top, waving your hand over it, and reopening the vase while holding the false bottom in place

Step 6: Abracadabra! The ball magically "reappears" in your pocket. Take it out of your pocket to reveal the real ball that was there all alona.

#### Day 15 – Construction Vehicle

A construction style vehicle for your collection!

#### Dav 16 – Wax Craft Sticks

Both parents and kids love wax craft sticks. Kids can make almost anything, parents appreciate that they're a portable, no set-up, no mess craft!

- Peel back the top flap.
- Use a pencil or your finger to start tearing the edge.
- Use the pencil or your finger to split along the edge
- With the edge split, the sticks are easily accessible.
- You're ready to peel the sticks apart and start creating!
- NOTE: Some of the sticks may be stuck together and look like a thicker stick.
- Separate them out from the end of the sticks and peel them apart gently.

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## Day 17 – Fidget Pencil Toppers

Place these on the top of your pencils and always have something to fidget with nearby. Fun!

## Day 18 – LED Bouncy Ball

A bouncy ball that lights up when it bounces! Just be careful where you bounce it, and make sure your parents approve.



#### Day 19 – Paracord Christmas Tree Craft

With this craft, you can make a Christmas tree shaped ornament out of paracord and decorate it with the included beads! Visit www.plbfun.com/advent and we'll have links to some serious tutorials there

Step 1: Fold the paracord in half and have the looped end pointing towards you, ready to start weaving.

Step 2: Measure 10 cm away from the top of the loop - this will be the bottom of the tree.

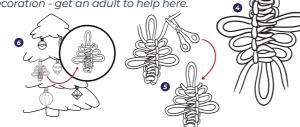
**Step 3:** Make the tree trunk by using approx. 6 x cobra stitches (alternating left and right) and pulling them tightly each time to make the narrow trunk

Step 4: Make the rest of the tree by continuing with cobra stitches - but leaving the loop wide on either side to form the branches of the tree.

Leave bigger loops for the branches at the bottom of the tree and smaller loops for the branches at the top.

You will need to use one tight cobra stitch between each branch to make it secure and neat.

Step 5: Finish by cutting the ends of the paracord with scissors and sealing them into the back of the tree decoration - get an adult to help here.



#### Day 20 – Spirograph Set

A classic spirograph set that can be used with one of the pens from the previous days, or any other pen or pencil set you may already have.

- Take the biggest wheel and put it on a piece of paper.
- Choose one of the small gears and place it inside the big wheel, making sure the teeth of the gears mesh together.
- Hold the big gear with one hand, and with the other, place your pen or pencil in one of the holes, and use it to move
- the gear along the teeth of the big wheel.
- Continue to do this until the line you're drawing ends up back on itself.
- Keep going until you finish your spirograph masterpiece!

#### Fun Tips and Ideas!

1: Experiment with different gear holes to create different patterns!

2: Combine different gears to make more complex designs. Just remember to keep the outer ring still when changing aears!

3: Discover endless possibilities as you draw more designs. 4: Remember that 'mistakes' can lead to unique patterns,

so embrace them!

## Day 21 – Roller Pen

Shake well before use. This fun pen rolls out a continuous pattern (as shown on the label). Use the pattern to create frames and add fun to your drawings and crafts!

#### Day 22 – 3D Puzzle Eraser

A 3D Puzzle Eraser. Can you solve the interlocking pieces and make the puzzle again?

Day 23 – Tyrannosaurus Rex Dinosaur Figure Another dinosaur figure for you to play with.

Day 24 – Big Rubber Fidget Spinner Finish off the advent season with a large fidget spinner.

## Merry Christmas!





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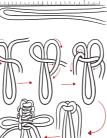
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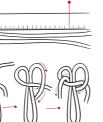
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