

Adventivity: A Countdown to Christmas with 25 Holiday Activities

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#File Name: 160710928X24 pages Advent calendar and activity book in one Great way to count down the days until Christmas 12 pages of mini-projects and detachable Advent calendar cover Create cards, paper angels, finger puppets, tree decorations, and more Fun for the whole family | File size: 27.Mb

Gina Carpenter : Adventivity: A Countdown to Christmas with 25 Holiday Activities before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Adventivity: A Countdown to Christmas with 25 Holiday Activities:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Needs A LOT of additional supplies. By Sophie Jeffery As the other reviewer said, this advent calendar requires A LOT of extra supplies...to the point where almost every activity requires something not included in the book. I understand it's impossible to package some things like chocolate or a candy cane or marshmallows to make coconut covered snow men, but it would be so easy to include the plethora of buttons needed, not to mention all of the blank cards, gold wrapping paper, red origami paper, glitter, and crepe/tissue paper. I don't understand why either A. these supplies were not included or B. it's not stated ANYWHERE (on the actual book or in the description) that these additional supplies are needed! In fact, it even says something like "All paper cut outs and templates needed are included in the book!" on the back, implying that the buyer won't need any additional supplies. I was under the impression I was ordering a book full of paper crafts...folding and gluing and taping. Maybe a couple game ideas. Not something that has instructions for turning an pillow case into a Santa gift bag, an activity which the buyer provides EVERYTHING but the stencil for painting designs on the bag (so that's a pillow case, rope/ribbon, fabric paint, and sewing thread and needle). It is a very cute premise and my daughter has enjoyed the first four activities (even though we had to substitute supplies...using leftover party streamers to make a sun catcher instead

of the colored candy wrappers or colored cellophane recommended, for example). She's done the first four activities this evening since we just received the book today, which included pop-up Christmas cards, a mouse with a candy-cane tail, a sun catcher, and an angel, she's enjoyed them all immensely. However, she won't be able to do day five's activity, folding a Santa origami style, because we don't keep red origami paper on hand. Perhaps it is a little my fault for waiting until 12/1 to order my children's advent calendars, but given the late ordering, I would have chosen something more all inclusive so she could enjoy it immediately. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Cute ideas, but difficult for kids and requires many non-household items. By Rardnek Cute idea, but difficult for young (elementary age) children to do. Also -- it requires many items that are not typical household items and not likely to have on hand. Here's a *partial* list of some of the items you'd need to complete these projects: Blank greeting cards Candy cane buttonhole (thick) thread clear colored candy wrapper (or cellophane) pink cardstock doily 6" square red origami (thin) paper with white on back letter size sheets of gold gift wrap A range of colored buttons in different sizes: white, red, green, black 14" wire gloves scraps of colored felt small black beads, needle, sewing thread 16" square double-sided patterned paper (not too thick) Ribbon Blue paper for gift wrap white paper for gift tag gold and silver embossing creams red glitter gold ribbon... And that's just the first HALF of the advent days! If I went out and accumulated all the items I need for these projects, I'd easily spend another \$50+ I love the idea of this book, and the pictures/illustrations are cute, but mostly, this is an exercise in frustration. I do not recommend this activity book unless you own your own craft shop. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great idea, too hard and lacking supplies. By susand I was so excited when I saw this advent calendar because my 6 year old is a little crafter. However, there are no ages on the book and most of the activities are too hard for her, even with help. She does enjoy helping when she can and sitting with me while I do them. Also, we have needed to skip many of them because we did not have the supplies on hand. She did make the angel by herself and is very proud of it sitting on top of our tree! I love the idea of this book. I hope there is a revised version next year. I much prefer craft activities to other options like chocolate or mini toys each day

2014 IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award Gold Winner in Crafts/Hobby/How-To! A new twist on a modern tradition, Adventivity brings you an advent calendar like no other. Its detachable cover allows for the traditional separate Advent calendar wall-hanging, and features twenty-five windows--five of which have pop-up surprises--that you can open each day as Christmas approaches. This advent calendar and activity book in one contains 25 fun holiday activities for you to create your own countdown to Christmas, along with twelve pages of colored card sheets with press-out components. Make things like angel cookie-wraps, festive finger warmers, origami Santa, celebration cupcakes, handmade cards, and so much more! The fun never ends! - 25 fun holiday activities to create your own countdown to Christmas, and twelve pages of colored card sheets with press-out components. - Create new traditions for yourself or your family with the fun ideas inside. Adventivity makes the perfect holiday gift to kick off the holiday season, and provides hours of fun for everyone.

About the Author A graphic designer and project commissioner, Gina Carpenter delights in producing card games, paper creations and art-inspired projects. She is a prolific crafter herself and often works in a team with other designers on craft books and series. This is her second book of projects. She lives in Surrey, England, and now works freelance while renovating houses and looking after her two sons. Laura Hambleton graduated from the Norwich School of Art and Design in 2000 with a first class B.A (Honours) in Visual Studies. Since then, she has been based in London, building a successful career as a designer, author and illustrator of children's books, working for several prestigious publishers. Her first picture book, adapted from her final degree project was Commended winner of the 2002 VA Award for Illustration. She was also long-listed for the Booktrust's The Big Picture, Best New Illustrators Award, in 2008. Laura presents her books and give workshops at festivals, bookstores, schools and activity centres throughout Britain. Her books have been widely praised in high profile reviews, including The Sunday Times and The Guardian.