

Christmas Advent Screen



The countdown to Christmas is well and truly on and as I have had this project in mind for a while, I am so pleased that I have got around to finishing it off and posting it on the blog, with time to spare!

My kids absolutely love this project as it is really tactile and it really is simple to make but you do need to put aside a little time. You will need:

Trifold screen (kit/download or your own)

Red felt (or you can use papers), enough to cover both sides of each screen

24 star brads

Chipboard to cut the number tiles from

Cream card for stamping

Embossing powder if using

Craft glue

Ribbon to join together screens

Number stamp set (you can print them out if you like)

Tiny Christmas image stamps

With the kit you get three panels and you will need to cover each panel with felt both sides. You could of course use papers instead if you wish to get a different look. Use a craft glue to attach the felt.

You will need to cover both sides of the screens as the screen gets reversed after day 12. One side has the numbers up to 12 and the other goes to 24. Each panel will have 4 number tiles.

The screens are punched with holes to join them together but you will need to repunch through the holes once you have covered them with felt.

Join the screens together by threading some ribbon through the holes and tying on one side of the screen. You could use gold cord instead if you prefer.

While the screens are drying you can get on with the tiles. You will need to cut 24 little tiles of about 2.25cm each (1 7/8 inch). Cut these from chipboard or thick card as you want them to be sturdy. I have painted mine with gold acrylic paint on both sides.

You then need some numbers to go onto the tiles and I have stamped mine on squares of cream card a little smaller than the card tiles. This leaves a gold border around the outside which looks quite nice.

The numbers are from a See-De's Christmas stamp set but you could use any number stamps you have or alternatively print them off on the computer. I have gold embossed the numbers to make them stand out a bit and be tactile.

These numbers are then glued onto the front of your gold tiles. Next take some gold cord and form a loop and glue or tape the ends to the reverse of each tile. This is how each tile will hang.

Then you need to decorate the reverse of the tiles which will be seen once each one is turned over. I have used the [Stampin Up 'Little Holiday Wishes'](#) stamps (set of 12) which you could repeat on the other side or supplement with another set as I have done here with a [Whispers](#) set of mini Christmas stamps (set of 40). Stamp the images on cream card and cut them out to the same size as the number squares.



Now stick these pictures to the reverse of your tiles over the cord to hide the ends. Your tiles are now ready to hang, so you just need to position your star brads around the screens.

The brads will probably need trimming down as you don't want to push them all the way through to the other side. Cut away most of the pins with some pliers or scissors to leave just the star and a little bit of the pin. Spread out the remaining pin so the star will sit flat onto the board.

Next glue the stars to the felt using a good strong glue. Leave the stars to dry for a while before trying to hang your tiles. The tiles are not very heavy so should sit on the stars without pulling on them.

To finish off the screen, you can edge the chipboard with gold border stickers, running them along the edges that show. This gives a very nice effect.

So there you have it! I estimate this project will take around 3 hours working at a pretty slow pace with drying times included. You can arrange your screen in different ways, either fully laid out in the photo above or in a very sturdy triangular arrangement, see below. *Note the reverse has not been decorated.*



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