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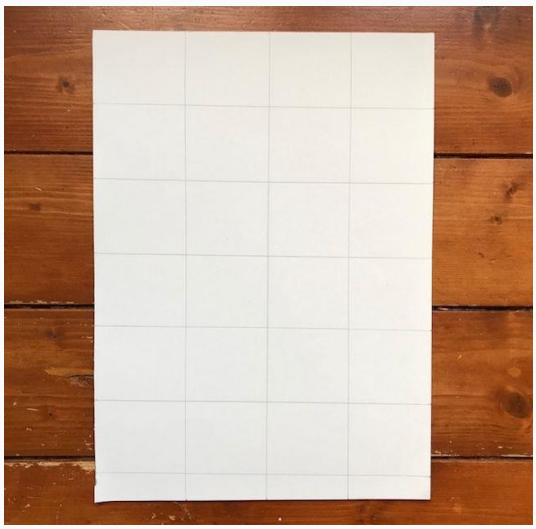
SATURDAY ART CLUB AT HOME

ADVENT CALENDAR

Hello everyone!

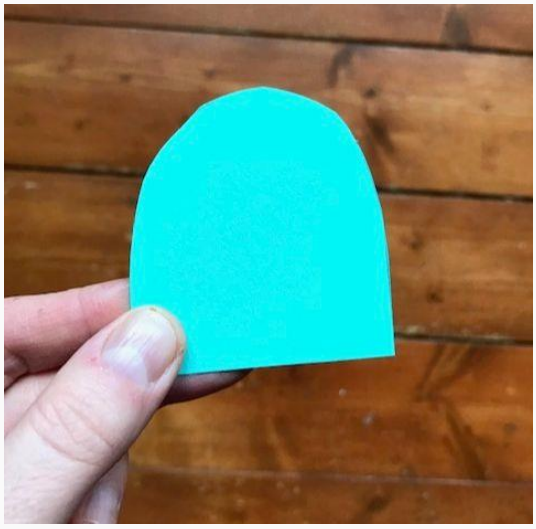
Throughout the rest of this month and December we will be focussing on festive and seasonal crafts for you to make along with us at home. This week's activity is to create a reusable advent calendar!

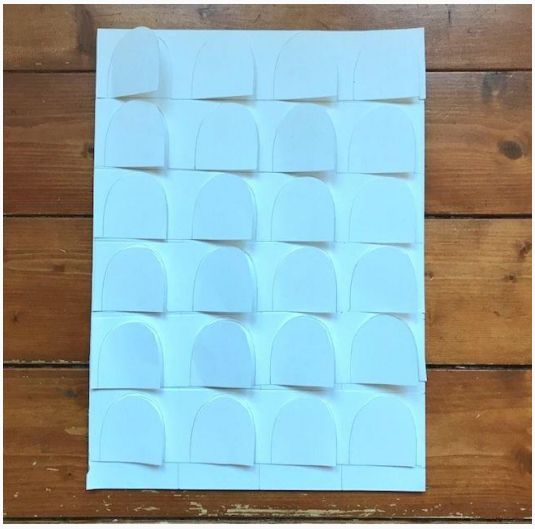
You'll need:
2 pieces of paper and one piece of card all the same size (we used A3 size)
scissors (once again, please let an adult do the cutting if you are very young)
a glue stick, colour paper/card, a pen, ruler, pencil, rubber and masking tape.



1. Stick one of your pieces of paper to the piece of card and divide the paper into 24 equal squares (6 rows of 4), using your ruler and pencil. You may find you have a bit of space left at the bottom but this is fine.

2. Next, divide your second piece of paper into the same 24 squares.





3. Draw a little *'doorway'* onto some card, just the right size to fit into one of your squares and cut it out. Use this piece of card as a template to draw a doorway in each square on your piece of paper.

4. Cut this piece of paper into the 6 rows, to make 6 strips of these doors.

5. Next, go back to the piece of paper that has 24 empty squares - each off these squares will become what you will see when you open each door... ... now its time to get creative and add a little picture to each square.

6. We used collage... .... we glued colourful squares of paper as a background and then cut out Christmas shapes to place on top. You might want to use a pen or pencil to create little Christmas-inspired drawings or cut up old Christmas cards instead... using whatever you can find around the house.

7. Now add your strips of paper containing the doors, one by one, sticking them down using a glue stick.

8. Finally, add numbers to each doorway, 1 - 24!
You can also add more decoration to your calendar and add a loop of ribbon or string at the top so that you can hang it up. Secure the doors shut using a little strip of masking tape which can be removed easily.

Happy countdown!

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