

How To Make The Makower UK Joy Advent Calendar

Make a pretty advent calendar that will hold treats and surprises year after year, as it becomes part of your family's Christmas traditions.



Joy Advent Calendar Panel

Sewing instructions for Joy Advent Calendar

Make these easy to construct Advent calendars and fill them with your choice of sweets and treats for Christmas. Below are some simple steps and tips to make up the panels easily and quickly.

Requirements:

Makower Joy Advent Calendar Panel

Backing fabric and wadding (70 cm x 112cm / 27.5" x 44")

Thread to match

Preparation

1. Iron the panel then cut around the border. Next cut out the pockets along the solid lines only. Dotted lines are pocket dividing lines.
2. Cut your batting and backing fabric slightly larger than the panel piece.
3. Layer up your backing, batting and the panel and pin, tack or spray baste together.
4. Quilt along the border lines of the panel.
5. Cut a fabric sleeve 3" wide and 2" shorter than the width of the panel.
6. Iron a ¼" wide strip of fusible (Bondaweb, etc) to the top of the pockets on the wrong side. Turn to the back and fuse down with iron. If you wish you can sew this edge down.
7. Turn under the bottom and side edges of all the pockets. Press.

Assembly

8. Matching the numbers and designs on the multiple pockets to those on the panel, place the dotted lines between pockets over the dotted lines on the panel. Pin in place and sew down the dotted line. Back stitch at the top edge.
9. Now pin the sides of the pockets in place and carefully create the box pleats either side of the dividing seams. Pin the box pleats at the bottom edge.
10. Sew carefully along the sides and bottom of all the pockets.

Finishing

11. Trim away any excess batting and backing fabric.
12. Turn under the short sides of the sleeve and sew down. Iron ¼" under one long edge of the sleeve only. This is the bottom edge of the sleeve.
13. On the back, line up the top edge of the sleeve with the top edge of the quilt, centering the sleeve. Tack in place.
14. Bind your calendar using your favourite method. Note: the sleeve will be sewn in with the binding.
15. Slide the folded bottom edge of the sleeve up ¼", pin and sew in place by hand. This helps the panel hang flat when a rod or batten is inserted.

All you need to do now is fill the pockets with goodies!

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