

Octagonal Christmas Advent Calendar

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Ingredients:

Tando Creative Advent
Calendar
Eco Green paint - Ocean
Eco Green paint - Black
Eco Green paint - White
Viva décor Croco - Platinum
Viva décor Croco - Silver
Black ink pad
Some bobbly trim
Glue

For the decorations:

Tando Creative mini Christmas chippies
Tando Creative Advent Calendar Numbers
Tando Creative mini Christmas snowflakes
I have used different coloured paints, stickles, glossy accents, little tied ribbons etc...whatever takes your fancy.

Instructions:



The drawers are all pre-cut and scored so you simply need to fold and glue. Take care to make sure the front panel lines up with the sides to give a better finish.



Paint the front and sides of each box in Eco Green paint - Ocean.



There are 8 upright pieces and 4 horizontal pieces.

Paint the uprights White and the horizontals in Ocean.

The chippie is very sturdy so will take the paint easily.





Paint the bases of the uprights black level with the bottom thin slot.

Then liberally cover with Viva décor Croco silver and blast with a heat gun. It should crack beautifully.

I have also inked the edges of all the pieces.

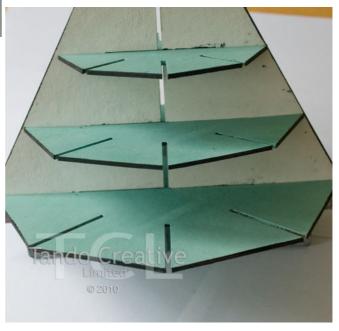


Now to start putting the main body together. Slot the 3 larger octagonal horizontals into one of the uprights.

It doesn't need glueing, it will all sit quite sturdy once it's all together.

Slot in the upright directly opposite the first one.

You can see what a messy painter I am too LOL.





Slot all the other uprights in and check that they are evenly placed all the way round.

Not shown, but now glue the final octagonal horizontal to the top making sure it is lined up all the way round.

Fold and glue the two pieces that make the top.





Again, paint in Eco Green Ocean. Then paint the fronts of all the drawers and both pieces of the top liberally with Viva décor Croco paint. Blast it with a heat gun and watch it crack, it's fantastic.



Once painted slide the drawers in place.

Glue the bottom half of the top piece to the top horizontal and then the top cone just slides over.

Now for the fun part, I have decorated the elements with a variety of inks, paints, stamps, embossing powders, glossy accents, stickles and a whole host of different products.

Once you've decorated all your pieces just glue them to the front of the drawers and around the top.

The star on the top simply slots together and I've fixed it with a giant blog of glossy accents...it's pretty solid.











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