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Printable Advent Calendar

A gingerbread house with 24 doors to open, one for every day from December 1 to Christmas Eve. Plus 24 numbered gift tags, 24 countdown activity cards and a color-in version for kids.



What's inside

p. 2 Advent house, full color (24 doors)
p. 3 Advent house to color in
p. 4 Backing sheet: a surprise behind every door
p. 5–6 24 gift tags & envelope labels
p. 7–8 24 countdown activity cards

You'll need

- Printer, white paper or light cardstock (65 lb / 175 gsm is ideal)
- Scissors or a craft knife + cutting mat
- Glue stick and a ruler
- Crayons or markers for the color-in page



Hide a note, a joke or an activity card behind every door!

How to use it

1. **Print at 100%.** Choose "Actual size" on US Letter or A4. Print page 2 or 3 for the front and page 4 for the back.
2. **Cut the doors.** Cut along the dashed lines on three sides of each door and fold along the dotted line, so it opens like a little door.
3. **Fill the backing sheet.** Write or draw a surprise in each box, or glue on a tiny photo.
4. **Glue the two sheets together.** Glue only around the boxes, line up the edges and press flat. Open one door a day from December 1.

More ways to count down

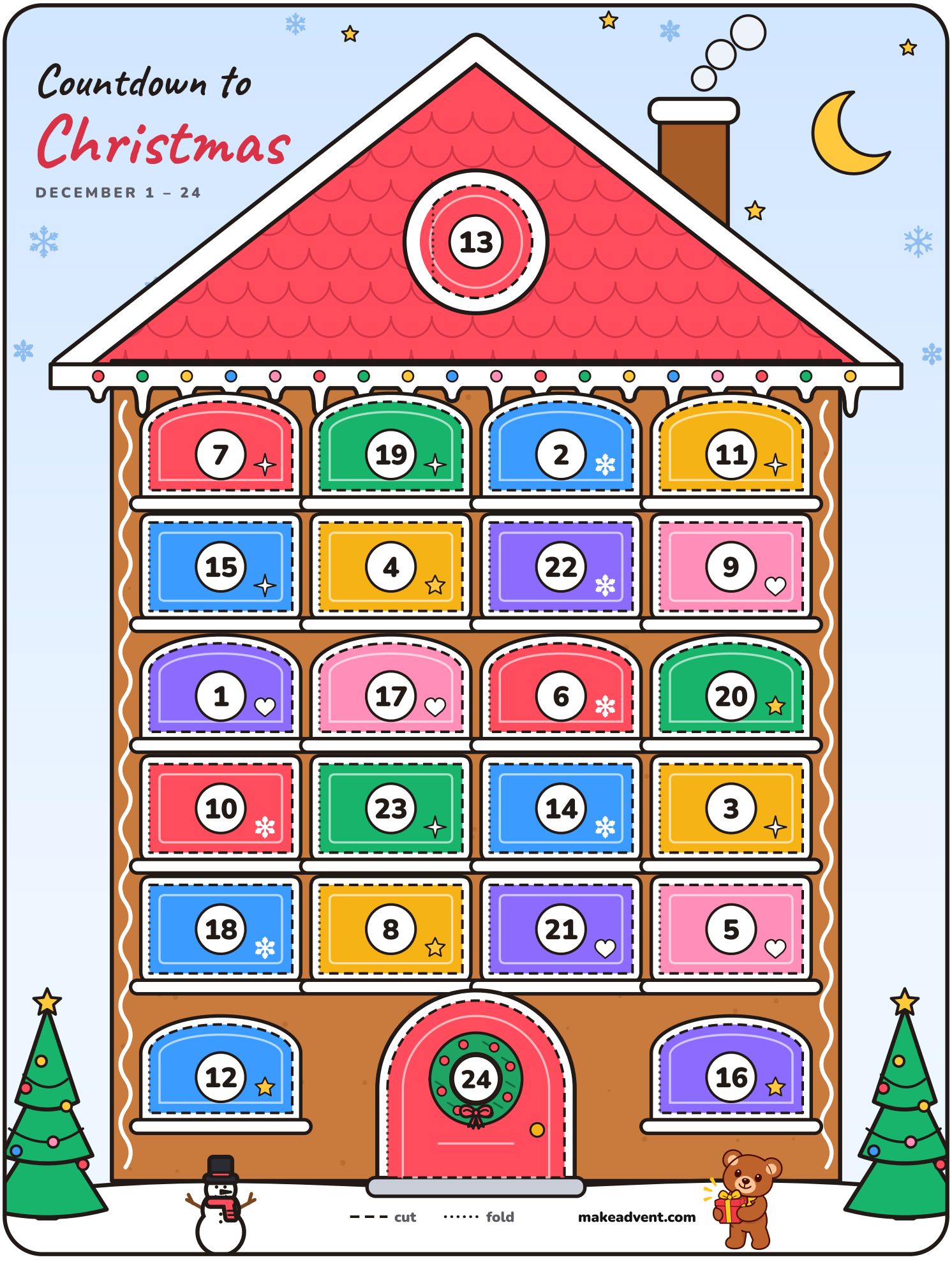
- **Gift tags:** stick them on 24 bags, boxes or envelopes for a fill-it-yourself calendar.
- **Activity cards:** put one behind each door or in each bag for a daily family plan.

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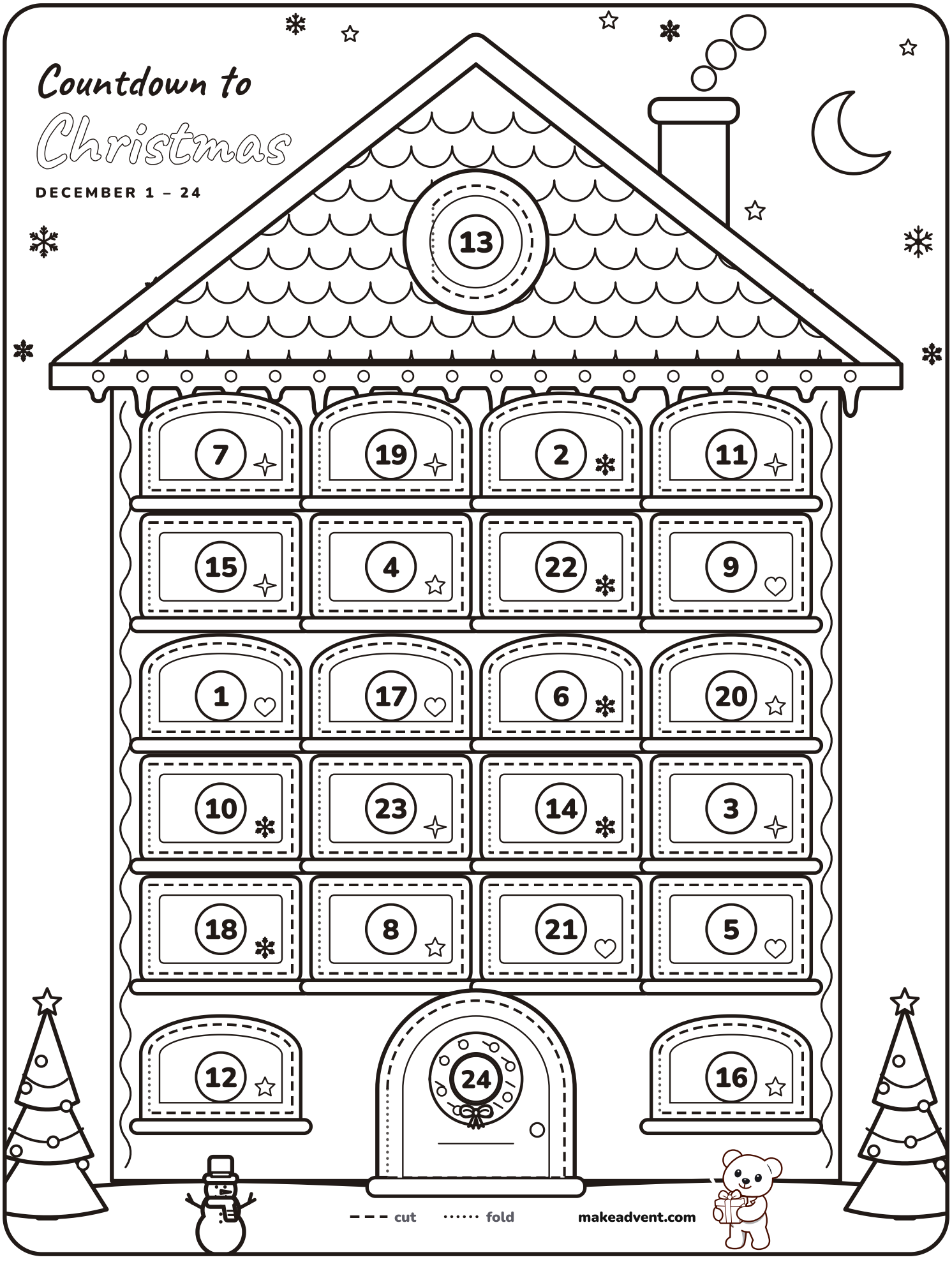
Countdown to Christmas

DECEMBER 1 – 24



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Backing sheet

1. Draw a surprise in each box.
2. Glue the gray area only.
3. Lay the calendar on top.

Ideas

a joke or riddle
a drawing
"I love you because..."
an activity number
a coupon
a tiny photo

13

7

19 *Movie night tonight!*

2

11

15

4

22

9

1 *Big hug!*

17

6

20

10

23

14

3

18

8

21 *hug coupon*

5

12

24

16

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Gift Tags 1–12

CUT & STICK

























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Countdown Activities 1–12

ONE A DAY

1 DECEMBER



Write a letter to Santa

Make a wish list, add a drawing and pop it in an envelope.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

2 DECEMBER



Make paper snowflakes

Fold, snip, unfold. Tape them to a window.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

3 DECEMBER



Hot chocolate movie night

Blankets, marshmallows and your favorite holiday movie.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

4 DECEMBER



Write a card to someone far away

Send a card or a drawing to someone you miss.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

5 DECEMBER



Decorate the tree together

Everyone hangs one ornament and tells its story.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

6 DECEMBER



Build a blanket fort

Then read a Christmas story inside by flashlight.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

7 DECEMBER



Bake gingerbread

Bake and decorate gingerbread people. Taste-testing required!

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

8 DECEMBER



Go on a Christmas lights walk

Wrap up warm and vote for the brightest house.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

9 DECEMBER



Have a kitchen dance party

Play holiday songs and dance like nobody's watching.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

10 DECEMBER



Make an ornament

Paper, salt dough or a pinecone. Write the year on it.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

11 DECEMBER



Give a toy or a book

Choose one in great shape to donate to a child who needs it.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

12 DECEMBER



Build a snowman

No snow? Make a sock snowman or a paper-plate one.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

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Countdown Activities 13–24

ONE A DAY

13 DECEMBER



Sing carols

Pick three carols and sing them to someone (or the dog).

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

14 DECEMBER



Do a secret good deed

Leave a kind note or help a neighbor without being asked.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

15 DECEMBER



Family game night

Board games, cards or charades. The winner picks the snack.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

16 DECEMBER



Make reindeer food

Mix oats and birdseed to sprinkle outside on Christmas Eve.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

17 DECEMBER



Wrap presents together

Choose the paper, curl the ribbon, make the tags.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

18 DECEMBER



Video-call a grandparent

Show them your decorations and sing them a song.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

19 DECEMBER



Make a thank-you list

Everyone writes three things they're thankful for this year.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

20 DECEMBER



Candy cane hunt

Hide candy canes around the house, then go find them!

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

21 DECEMBER



Look at the stars

It's the longest night of the year. Spot the moon and a star.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

22 DECEMBER



Take a family photo

Cozy sweaters optional, silly faces encouraged.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

23 DECEMBER



Bake cookies to share

Make a batch and take some to a neighbor.

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

24 DECEMBER



It's Christmas Eve!

Hang your stocking, read “The Night Before Christmas”, then off to bed!

Best bit: ..... ☐ Done!

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