



DIY Muffin Tin Advent Calendar

Create a fun advent calendar using a muffin tin and Halloween candy

What better way to count down the days until Christmas than with a fun, DIY advent calendar? If you have a muffin tin lying around, a stash of leftover Halloween candy, you're in luck! Not only is this craft a creative way to re-purpose your Halloween sweets, but it's also an enjoyable activity for the family.

For an extra personal touch, or don't have candy to use, you can slip small toys, notes, jokes, or meaningful affirmations inside some or all of the muffin tin cups. Get even more creative with holiday-themed riddles, holiday activity ideas, or scavenger hunt clues! For adults, consider adding coupons for things like a movie night, extra coffee breaks, or even a "home spa" day. Think about what your gift ideas might be in advance.

What You'll Need:

Muffin tin (24-cup)

This will serve as the structure.

Card stock, or [free printable squares](#)

This will be used to cover the cups.

Wrapping paper or tissue paper

Used to wrap each item if needed.

Magnet sheet with adhesive back

To secure the cup covers.

Scissors

Ideas of things to fill the cups:

- Leftover Halloween candy or other treats.
- Acts of Kindness Notes
- Fun Activity Idea Notes
- Mini-gifts: Nail Polish, Toys, Lego, Notes, Coupons, Etc.

Optional:

- Metal hole punch
- Ribbon
- Paper corner rounder



Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Choose Your Muffin Tin:

First, select a muffin tin with cup sizes that fit your needs. A 24-cup tin is perfect for counting down to Christmas.



2. Sort and Portion Your Fillers

Portion out your Halloween candy. You don't need to have 24 pieces of each candy (unless you want to). Just make sure there's enough variety to make each day a fun surprise. You can add variety by adding in small toys or other mini-gift ideas.



3. Wrap Each Item

For a fun twist, cover each piece of candy or mini-gift with wrapping paper, or tissue paper. You can cut small squares of wrapping paper to cover each gift item, and tape it shut or tie it with a ribbon.



4. Create and Label Cup Covers

Using thick paper card stock—with a marker, stickers or printer—label and design each cup cover with the corresponding dates in December, 1-24. You can draw a series of 24 squares, sized appropriately to fit over the cups, and decorate as you please. We've also included [this link to free printable squares](#).



5. Covering Each Cup

Cut out each square. If desired, use a paper corner rounder to round the corners. Place a magnetic backer (make sure it has adhesive backing) on the back of each square. With the small gifts in each cup, cover each cup in any order you wish. Tip: The magnetic tape backer will help hold the numbered cover over the cups more securely but you might want to add a piece of tape to each gift to help hold the item in the cup if hanging your calendar on the wall.

6. Display Your Calendar

Use a metal hole punch to punch two holes in the top of the tin. Tie a decorative ribbon through the holes to hang on the wall. If you don't want to hang the calendar on a wall you can use a small stand or simply display it flat on the counter. Place your muffin tin advent calendar in a spot where you can easily access it every day.

7. Enjoy!

You're done and we hope you and your family enjoy your calendar.

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