

The big build-up

Add an ornament every day for an advent calendar with a difference.

WHAT YOU NEED

- 4 blocks white baking clay (Fimo or Sculpey)
- Rolling pin or jar
- Mini cookie cutters
- Wooden skewer
- Gold jump rings (can be opened and closed)
- One sheet of plywood 46cm x 63cm (a building supply store will cut this for you)
- Resene masking tape
- Ruler and pencil
- Drill
- Small gold hooks
- Gold number stickers
- Resene testpot brush and Resene testpot paints.
 TREE:

Resene Salsa ORNAMENTS:

Resene Shilo
Resene Glorious
Resene Irresistible
Resene Just Dance
Resene Wax Flower
Resene Gelato

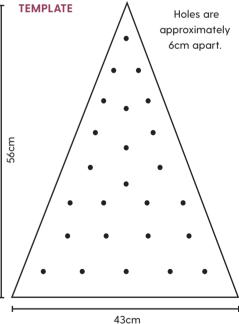
ORNAMENTS

- 1 Use a rolling pin or jar with no embossing to roll out the baking clay on a clean surface to about 6mm thick. Use miniature cookie cutters to cut out an array of shapes. Before baking, make a hole near the top of each shape using a wooden skewer. Bake at 160°C fan forced for 10 minutes or according to the clay baking instructions. Remove from oven and let cool.
- **2** Paint ornaments on both sides using a range of pink Resene hues (see Resene colour list at left).
- **3** Once dry, thread a small gold jump ring through each ornament.
- **Note:** make extra ornaments, in case of breakages. Leftover ornaments can be threaded onto presents with ribbon.

MAKING THE TREE

- **1** You can make your own tree shape using our template as a guide, or scale and print it onto four sheets of A4 paper taped together.
- **2** Centre the template on the wood and tape in place. Mark the three corners of the triangle on the board and, using a ruler, draw the lines of the triangle in pencil.
- **3** Using the black dots on the template as a guide, drill holes for the small hooks. Drill right through the paper.
- **4** Remove the template and, following your pencil marks, tape the triangle with Resene masking tape.
- **5** Paint the inside of the triangle (the tree) with two coats of Resene Salsa and set aside to dry. Remove tape once dry.
- 6 Screw in small hooks.

7 Attach number stickers for the dates 1-25 just above each screw. Place numbers randomly around the tree. Every day during December add one ornament, until your tree is fully decorated for the big day. If you'd like a little treat each day as the excitement builds, have a box of sweets on one side. We painted a circular box in Resene Gelato to go with our pink and red theme.



Scale template up 700 per cent.







