

# Make your own... Activity Advent Calendar!



Follow these instructions for a fun advent calendar that the whole family can enjoy together!

1. Find a large piece of card or paper. Something from your recycling box is fine.
2. Cut out the activities and glue them into place all over the card. Leave room for the doors and numbers to be glued around each of them
3. Cut out the doors and fix them over the activities by sticking down one edge.
4. Colour in and cut out the numbers. Glue a number on or near to each door. It's up to you whether you number the doors in order or randomly.
5. Each day from the first of December you can open up a new door and try the activity that is revealed!

**Make your own diary for the school holidays and record what you did each day. You could note down the food you ate, the books you read or the people you played with and talked to!**

**Collect leaves and pine cones and decorate to make beautiful gifts. See what you can find when you're next out and about. Who will you give them to?**

**How will you help others this Christmas? Talk to your family and make some plans.**

**Do you have Boxing Day traditions? Find out why it's called Boxing Day.**

**Do you have cooking skills? Get together in the kitchen and have some fun, you could even give some of your results as gifts!**

**Why not start a brand new Christmas tradition in your family? What will you celebrate and how will you do it?**

**What is your most memorable Christmas present? Talk about the most interesting, fun or unusual gifts you have given or received.**

**How did your family members spend Christmas when they were your age? What was different to the way we celebrate now?**

**Hot chocolate is very welcome when you come in from the cold. What's your favourite warm drink, can you write out the recipe?**

**Draw a winter picture and display it on a wall. What will you choose to draw?**

**What winter traditions are celebrated in your family? Make a poster of what is celebrated and why.**

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**Salt dough can be used to make your very own winter decorations. What will you make?**

**Happy Hanukkah! Make or draw a Menorah to display in your window.**

**What's your favourite thing about the winter celebrations? Talk to your family and friends to see what they like!**

**Choose a good film and get snuggly on the couch to watch it together. Talk about it afterwards - what did you like best?**

**Decorate biscuits. You can make your own, or use shop bought ones. What will you use to decorate them - icing, sweets, chocolate, fruit?**

**Have a sing-song! Christmas carols, pop songs, hymns or traditional folk songs. Join in with instruments if you have them and raise the roof!**

**Cards and messages are a lovely thing to send to your friends and family at this time of year. Get some paper and pencils and get started - how colourful can you make them?**

**Celebration swap! Share your winter traditions with other people if you can. What is similar and what is different about your festivities?**

**Snow play. On a snowy day dress up warm and go outside. If there is enough, build a snow figure. Who does it look like?**

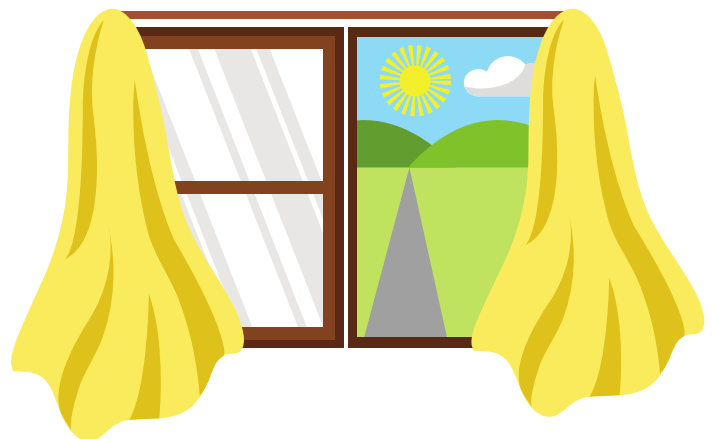
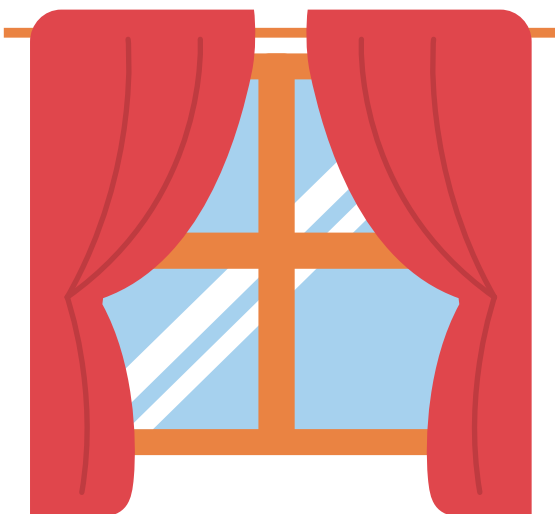
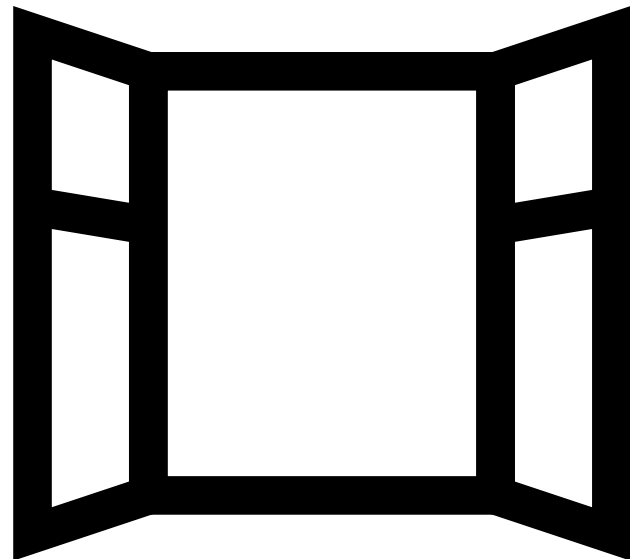
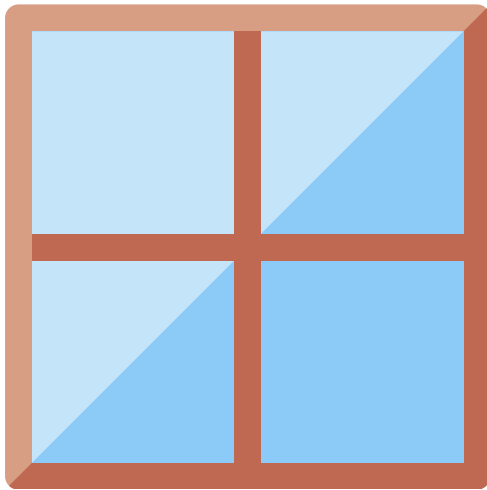
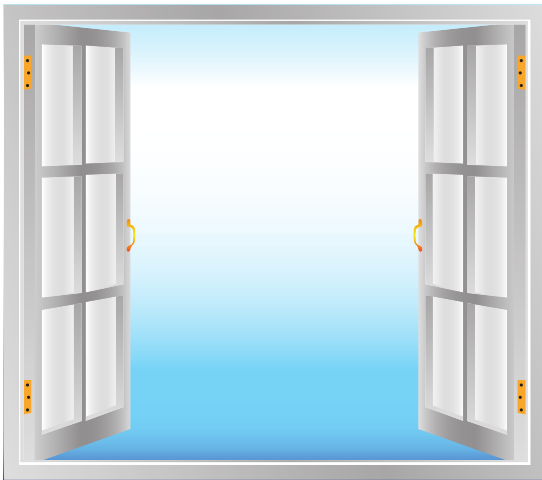
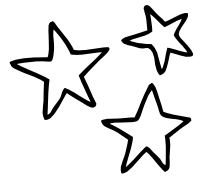
**Make your own gift voucher of a favour or kind gesture. What will you give, and who will you give it to?**

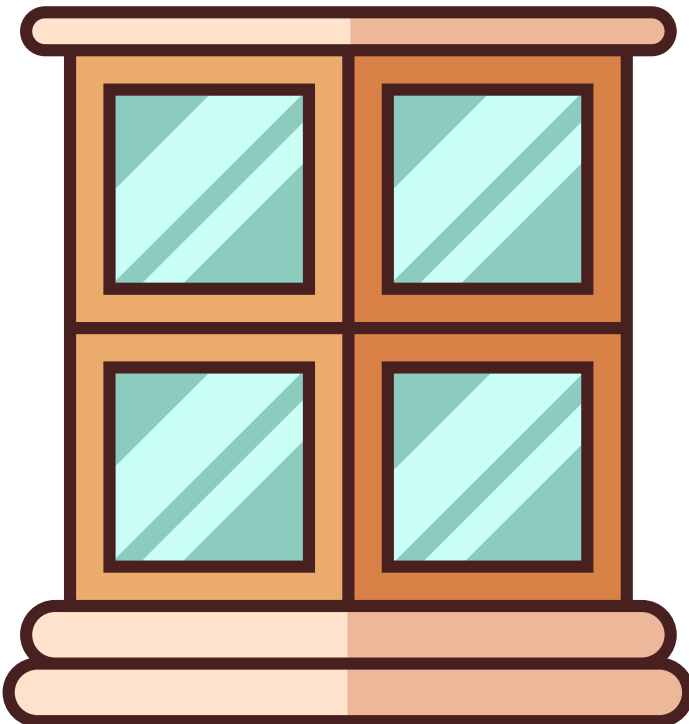
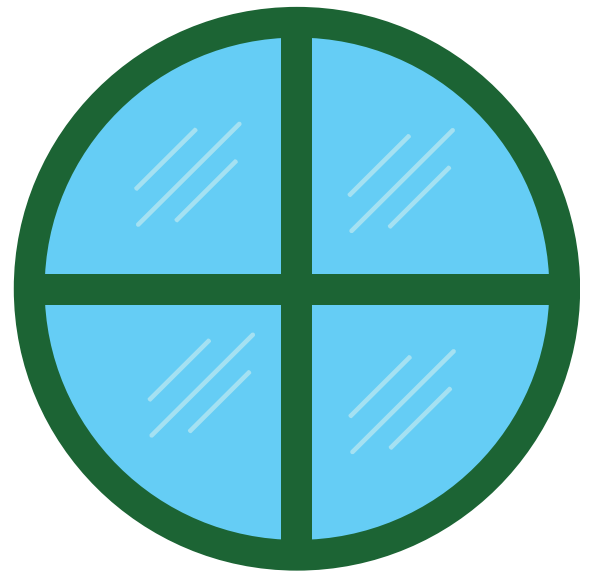
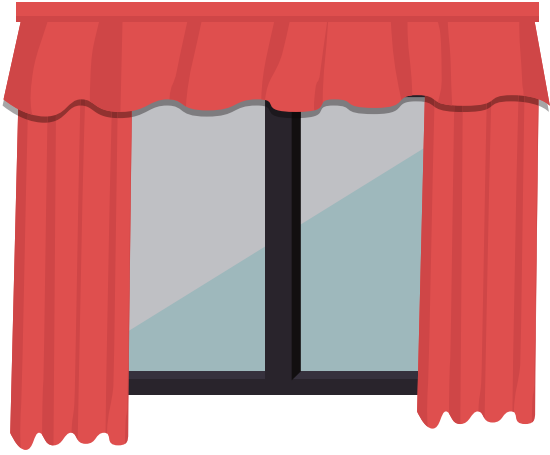
**This year our winter celebrations might be very different to what we are usually able to do. Make a list of activities you're planning to enjoy when the restrictions are lifted.**

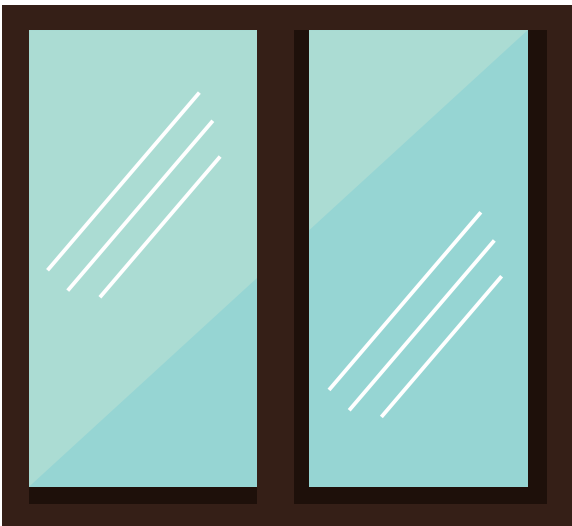
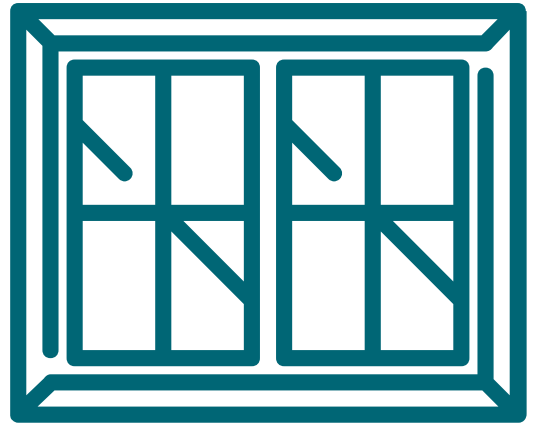
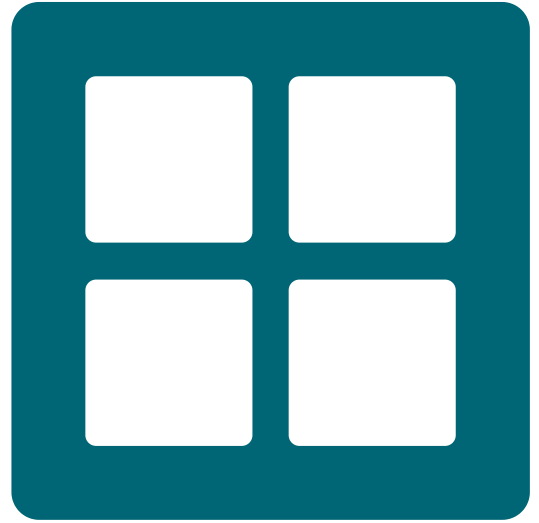
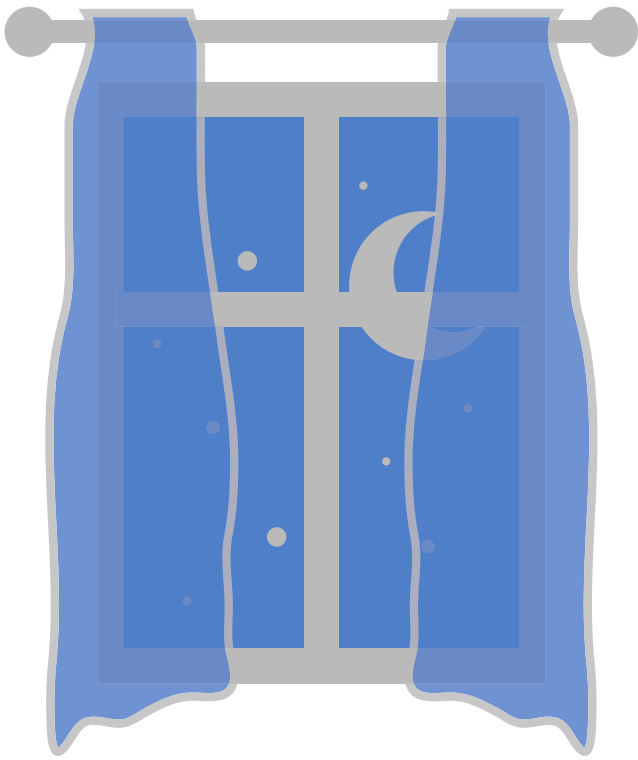
**Find out what is celebrated in other countries around the world at this time of year. What are the similarities and what are the differences?**

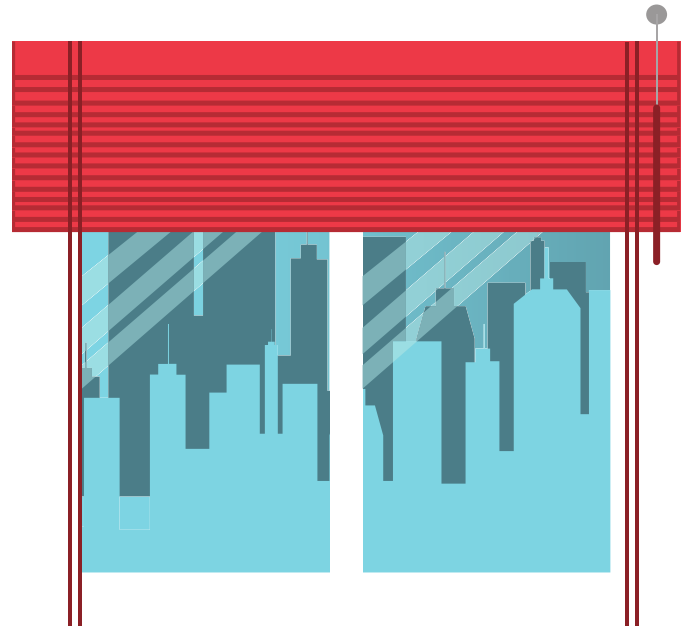
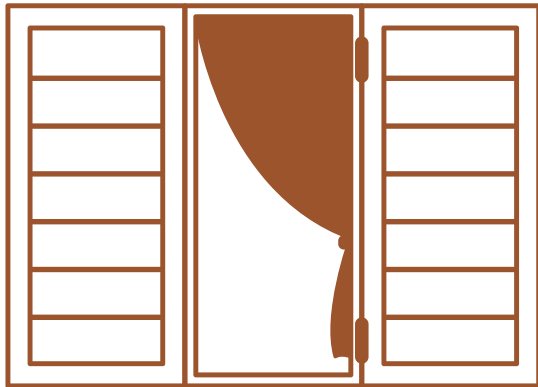
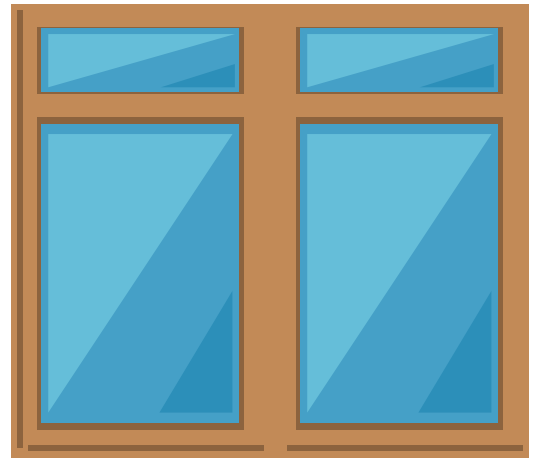
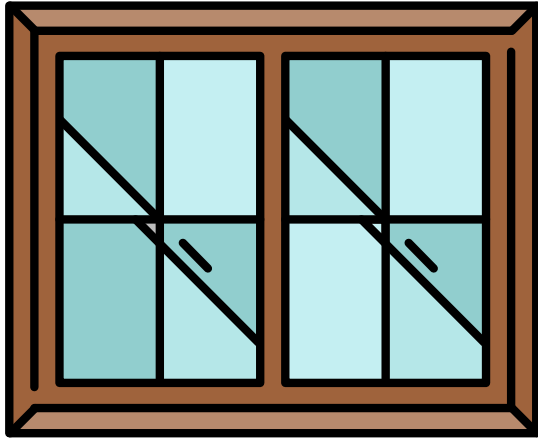
**Choose a good book and read it together. Make a regular time and place for reading everyday.**

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