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Advent Calender

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Materials

4.5mm crochet hook
Approx 20m 7mm double satin ribbon (you could use oddments of ribbon in different colours)
Double sided tape
Bag handle- (handle shown is 20cm x 14cm)
25 x wooden toggles (approx 25mm- available from Coats Crafts)
Oddments of Rowan Shimmer for stitching on the numbers
Approx 5 x 50g balls of Rowan Kid Classic- shown in shades: 825, 852, 853, 871 and 862
1 x 50g ball of Kid Classic will make approx 5 pockets. If you have oddments of Kid Classic which are not enough to do full pockets- you could make them stripy!
You can use other feltable yarns such as Rowan Scottish tweed DK or Rowan British Sheep Breeds DK, but remember that this will affect the size of the finished pockets.

Finished Size

25cm x 75cm
The overall size of your calendar will depend on the size of your bag handle and the lengths you cut your ribbon to. Each pocket will be approx 8cm x 10cm after felting. The size of your pockets may vary depending on your tension and your washing machine.

Making the pockets - make 25

Use Kid Classic and 4.5mm crochet hook
Chain 30
Slip Stitch into first ch
Row 1: chain 3 up. Treble into each ch. Slip stitch to beg of row.
Rep this row 6 more times

Row 8: Tr 6. ch 3. Tr 12 (doing the first one into the 3rd st from hook). Ch 3. Tr 6 (doing 1st one into the 3rd st from hook).
Rep row 1 two more times.

Making up

Crochet the bottom seams of pockets together and sew in ends.
Felt the pockets in the washing machine at 30°. If you want to felt them more, put them through again.



Using Rowan Shimmer, stitch the numbers 1 to 25 on the pockets



Wrap the top part of your bag handle in the ribbon, using the double sided tape to attach it.

Cut 25 lengths of ribbon to hang your pockets from. Start by cutting the shortest and longest lengths you want and then cut the rest at varying lengths between these. Remember to allow a bit extra for attaching to the bag handle and for looping through the toggle.

Attach these lengths of ribbon across the bottom section of your bag handle using double sided tape.

Finish wrapping the ribbon around the bottom part of the handle covering the ends of the lengths of ribbon to secure them.

Put a blob of PVA glue on the end of the ribbon to stick it securely. Ensure this is done on the back as it will show through the ribbon.



Tie a wooden toggle to the end of each length of ribbon as shown. Once knotted- cut the end of the ribbon at an angle to stop it from fraying.



Put a pocket on each length of ribbon by slotting a toggle through the button hole. Now you just need to fill it with goodies!

