

scrapbook & cards TODAY

advent calendar by Shellye McDaniel

Doodlebug Design supplies/

14x17 wood frame (10x13 inset)

red acrylic paint

Santa Express collection:

- Sweet Santas
- Very Merry
- Merry Mistletoe
- Christmas Confetti
- 6x6 paper pad
- Icon stickers
- Fancy Frills stickers
- This & That cardstock stickers
- Enamel Dots
- Doodle Pops
- Assorted paper clips
- Mini Clothespins
- Doodle Twine
- Buttons & Brads
- Doodle Type alpha stickers
- Banner alpha stickers
- Rhinestones

other supplies/

burlap

foam brush

two 1" white buttons

Top Dog Dies

- Reflection album die and Finely die

chipboard sheet

glue dots

foam dots

wet adhesive

glue pen

Paper Trimmer

Scissors

Corner Rounding Punch

1.75" Circle Die or Punch

Home Computer/ Printer (optional)

Die Cutting Machine



- 1 With red acrylic paint and foam brush, paint front/sides of wood frame with two coats; allow to dry.
- 2 Remove cardboard inset from frame. Cut burlap so that there is a 1/2" border of excess around the cardboard. Spray one side of the cardboard with Adhesive Spray; press burlap into the adhesive and smooth out. Wrap the excess material around to the back of cardboard and secure in place with high tack adhesive tape.
- 3 Using a Ballpoint Tip Glue Pen, add a border of baker's twine around the inside of the frame. Press in place until twine is secure
- 4 From the 6X6 grid paper (Very Merry), cut out 24 of the desired 2"X2" squares. Corner round the two top edges of each square. Set aside
- 5 From red/green diagonal striped paper (Sweet Santas) cut eight 2.125"X4.25" strips. Score the strips in half so that they measure 2.125"X2.125" when folded. Corner round the two top edges (open end) of the folded squares. Line the two side edges of each square with 1/8" high tack adhesive tape; press into place to form pocket. Repeat with remaining strips.
- 6 Determine placement of square pockets and then adhere to burlap with fabric glue in a 6X4 grid
- 7 Adhere the cut-out squares to the pocket fronts with foam adhesive. Embellish squares as desired.
- 8 Using computer and MS Word- create a table of four rows across with six rows high and each measuring 1.25"X2". Edit each square by typing one thing for each of the 24 days of advent. Print out onto a piece of white cardstock and cut out each square. Corner round two top edges of each square; tuck one into each pocket. Another option is to draw out a grid on cardstock and handwrite in advent activities.
- 9 Using 1.75" circle die, cut two circles from chipboard and from multi-colored snowflake paper found in 6X6 Paper Pad. Adhere together. Using Ballpoint Tip Glue Pen, adhere baker's twine around edge of chipboard. Thread two white buttons with twine and then adhere to center of circles with high tack adhesive. Adhere circles to the two top corners of frame with Pop Up Glue Dots
- 10 Finding the center, screw in one cup hook to the bottom of the frame approximately 4.5" from left end. Screw in second hook approximately 4.5" from right end.
- 11 Using die cutting machine and the Reflection die and .045" chipboard, die cut the shape. Next, die-cut the shape from the red dot paper; adhere to chipboard shape with adhesive tape. Using Ballpoint Tip Glue Pen, adhere baker's twine around edge of chipboard.
- 12 From the 6X6 Paper Pad multi-snowflake paper, die cut the Finley Die shape. Adhere to front of red dot paper with adhesive tape ONLY around the outer edges; this will create a pocket. Embellish the front of the pocket as desired. Cut a tag from notebook paper (Christmas Confetti) to measure 3.25"X3.5" and insert into pocket.