

# A Trip Down Memory Lane

Simple Stories Advent Calendar/Planner DLO class

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## **Class Requirements**

Class Kit...

Simple Stories papers:

- 2 Chalkboard Snowflake/Chevron
- Red Snowflake/Chevron
- Green Snowflake/Chevron
- Peace, Love, Joy
- Naughty or Nice
- Hello December
- 6x12 Page Elements
- 4x6 Journal Cards
- Vertical Journal Cards

White Bazzill

Bakers twine

Optional items NOT included in kit

Two 12" x 12" box canvases

Yellow and diamond stickles and Glossy Accents

Tools

Dies (available in class)

Tim Holtz large snowflake rosette

Tim Holtz small and medium snowflake rosette

Stampin' Up! Milk carton

Sizzix mini file folder

Sizzix Library pocket

Sizzix scalloped pocket

Sizzix mini envelope

Spellbinders Poinsettia

Punches (available in class)

Stampin' Up! Bauble

Stampin' Up! 1½" Scalloped circle

Stampin' Up! Decorative rectangle

Holly

## **Instructions**

### **Step 1**

Use the two sheets of chalkboard paper as the background pages I have stuck mine to box canvases at this stage – but this can be done later if you like the strength that the canvas provides.



**Step 2 – die cutting (NB if you have to wait for a die cutting machine – skip ahead and do steps 4 and 7 while you wait)**

**Cut Red Snowflake/Chevron; Green Snowflake/Chevron; Peace, Love, Joy; Naughty or Nice and Hello December papers to size ready to die cut the envelopes & pockets– use the following cutting guide to get the most from your paper...**

<b>Library pocket</b>	<b>9.5cm x 10.5cm</b>
<b>Scalloped pocket</b>	<b>12.5cm x 7cm</b>
<b>Mini file folder</b>	<b>11cm x 8cm</b>
<b>Envelope</b>	<b>12.5cm x 11cm</b>

**You will need 24 pockets in total - I used 6 of each design in random paper choices.**

**DO NOT BE TEMPTED TO CUT MORE THAN ONE AT A TIME – IF YOU DO THIS, THE SCORE LINES WILL NOT WORK!**

### **Step 3 – make your pockets**

The mini file folder simply needs to be folded in half – but the other pockets require a little glue to secure them. Simply fold up along the score lines and glue the tabs in place.





#### Step 4 – prepare your journal cards

Cut up the 4"x 6" journal cards and decide which you would like to feature on your page. You could also cut some features such as Christmas trees and baubles out of some to use as decorations.





### Step 5 – plan out your page

Lay your pockets on your two background pages and move them about until you are happy with the layout...of course you could just copy my layout...



### Step 6 – get gluing

Start to glue your journal cards and pockets in position on your background pages.



### Step 7 – numbers

Cut your numbers out of the 6”x12” page elements sheet. Some I left on the black background and some I fussy cut. I mounted some onto punched shapes.



### Step 8 – decorate your pockets

I used the numbers, punched shapes, stamped images and images cut out of the journal cards to decorate each pocket. I also added the bakers twine.



### Step 9 – Page embellishments

Die cut the poinsettia petals out of the red paper and the snowflakes out of the white cardstock. Build the poinsettia up using foam pads in the centre of the flower. Make the snowflakes by folding on the score lines and joining the ends together then pushing flat and gluing a punched circle to the back of the snowflake. Make the 3D baubles by punching 3 bauble shapes from patterned paper (or punch out stamped design) – fold each one in half and glue the back of the right hand side of one to the back of the left hand side of the next one.





### Step 10 – Christmas box

Die cut a milk carton from white cardstock then fold up the carton and glue the bottom of the carton up. Leave the top open for filling when you get home. Decorate as shown (or any way you like!!)



### Step 11 – almost there!

Glue all of your embellishments onto your page. Add any journalling or photos you may wish to use.

### Step 12 – finishing touches

Add any remaining bakers twine, use glossy accents and /or stickles to decorate numbers and embellishments.

Finally – add your treats and to-do notes in your envelopes – I have included my Christmas to-do list for you in the kit– but not the chocolate!!

**Write Christmas  
cards**

**Post Christmas  
cards**

**Make Christmas cake**

**Decorate the  
Christmas cake**

**Make Christmas  
lists**

**Buy Christmas tree**

**Decorate the house**

**Wrap the presents**

**Order the turkey**

**Buy wrapping paper  
and tags**

**Order online  
groceries**

**Christmas  
shopping!**

**Make Christmas  
cards**

**Make Christmas  
crackers**

**Decorate the  
Christmas tree**

**Christmas Party!**

**Make mince pies**

**Put sherry and  
mince pie out for  
Santa and hang up  
stockings**

**Go to Carol Service**

**Make mulled wine  
spice bags**

**Put outdoor lights  
up**

**Put on carols and  
light candles**

**Make Christmas  
pudding**

**Make homemade  
Christmas gifts**