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Featured How-to November 2009

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**List of Materials:**

- 25 - 2"x2" Stampbord™ Squares
- 19"x11" Metal Cookie Sheet (not Teflon or coated)
- Extra Cookie Sheet or Tray (for shaving cream)
- Shaving Cream (the cheaper the better)
- Ranger, Inc - Adirondack® Reinkers (Bottle and Stream)
- Ranger, Inc - Tim Holtz® Distress Ink Reinker (Shabby Shutters)
- Red Spray Paint
- Matte Spray Sealer
- 1.25" Scalloped Square Punch
- 15/16" Scalloped Square Punch
- Dark Turquoise Card Stock
- Various Christmas Patterned Papers
- Chipboard Numbers and Letters
- Die Cut Alphabet
- Die Cut Machine
- Christmas Stickers, Embellishments and Ribbon
- Double stick tape, glue dots, etc.,
- Craft Sticks
- Drill
- Craft Glue



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#### Preparing the Cookie Sheet:

1. Turn the 19"x11" cookie sheet upside down and drill two holes, approximately 2.5 inches from each corner, on one of the short sides of the cookie sheet.
2. Leave the cookie sheet upside down, and using the red spray paint, cover the edges, lip and a small border around the entire bottom of the cookie sheet.
3. Spray with a few coats of matte sealer.

#### Shaving Cream Technique:

1. Squirt a generous amount of shaving cream onto one end of the extra cookie sheet.
2. Squeeze a few drops each of Adirondack Reinkers, Bottle and Stream, and Distress Ink Reinker, Shabby Shutters, onto shaving cream. Be careful not to overlap or run colors together.
3. Swirl drops through shaving cream using a craft stick. Do not mix completely together. The more you swirl the drops together the heavier the marbling will be. The less you swirl the lighter the marbling.
4. Place Stampbord squares face down into shaving cream, letting some squirt out from underneath.
5. Lift squares straight up. Using the craft stick, scrape off excess shaving cream onto the other half of the extra cookie sheet. Repeat steps 4 and 5 for all 25 Stampbord squares.
6. Let squares dry. It is not necessary to seal squares.



#### While Squares are Drying:

1. Using a 1.25" scalloped square punch, punch out 25 squares from the dark turquoise card stock.
2. Using a 15/16" scalloped square punch, punch out 25 squares from various Christmas papers. Try not to repeat designs. This is a great way to use up scraps.
3. Apply Christmas squares to turquoise squares with double stick tape.
4. Apply turquoise squares to marbled Stampbord squares with double stick tape.



#### Assembling the Advent:

1. Cover the entire bottom of the spray painted cookie sheet with Christmas paper.
2. Adhere a 1/2" strip of background Christmas paper approximately 2.5" from top and bottom edges creating a top and bottom border.
3. Creating 5 rows of 5, lay out the Stampbord squares between the borders of the cookie sheet, creating a grid. Do not adhere at this point.
4. Move squares around within the grid until you are happy with the arrangement. Try not to place like designs together.
5. When you are pleased with the arrangement, adhere squares in place with craft glue.
6. Cover chipboard number 25 with patterned paper. Attach the "25" to the top left corner of the upper border.
7. Die cut the words "days of Christmas" from patterned paper. Chipboard letters can also be used. Attach die cut "days of" next to the number 25 on top border. Attach die cut "Christmas" to bottom right corner.
8. Attach Christmas tree sticker to upper right corner, and 2 Christmas tree stickers to bottom left corner.
9. Attach various Christmas embellishments to squares.
10. Run ribbon through the holes in the top of the cookie sheet and tie in a bow for hanger.

