

# WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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## Christmas Countdown Calendar

Ages 5-12

Build inserts to countdown special events year-round using your Christmas Countdown Calendar.

Calendars remind us when to celebrate and recognize important dates and planned events. Let's first identify special events you want to include on your remixed countdown calendar!

What are other special events that people celebrate?

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### Here are some ideas!

Holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, special achievements, historical events, commemorative days, special days, world important days, seasons

Select some celebrations or special events and list them in the chart below:

Name of celebration or event	When is it celebrated or recognized?



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Which of these special dates do you want to countdown to?

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## Modify!

Make inserts to highlight special days on your Christmas Countdown Calendar.

## You'll need:

Bamboo plant labels, stencils, flat foam brush, paint, or marker

1. Identify themes or specific days you want to countdown to? Consider color coding your categories (birthdays in blue, holidays in purple, seasons in red).
2. Paint the bamboo plant labels with the foam brush.
3. Use your stencils and foam paint or marker to write the special day on the bamboo plant label.
4. Add pictures to help identify the special day (birthdays could have a candle).
5. Once dried, select the labels that are upcoming for that month and slide the bamboo plant labels behind the wood blocks.
6. Place the other labels in a box next to your countdown calendar.



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