Advent calendar train made from matchboxes

Instructions No. 2293

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 6 Hours

Tut tut, here comes the **Advent calendar train**! Every day this one has a little present ready.... Not only does this train deliver beautiful gifts, it also looks great on your windowsill, dresser or table. It's a joy for young and old alike!



This is how the great train is designed:

Stick the **matchboxes** together with double-sided tape according to the illustration above. Decorate them with blanks of motif paper.

We painted the wheels in the colour blue-green and accentuated them with Stardust after drying.

Shorten the **bamboo sticks** to about 10 cm and then put the **wheels** and **wooden balls** on them. Glue the resulting axles to the underside of the wagons (large matchboxes) with hot glue.

Glue **wooden beads** as small "knobs" to the individual compartments and number them with the white gel pen.

Use an awl to poke holes for the **magnetic closures** as "couplings" in the boxes, insert the closures and fix them from the inside with a little hot glue.

Then you can decorate the train as you like. There are no limits to your imagination and taste. We decided on the following: spools of yarn, terracotta pot and sleigh are designed with craft colours and Stardust and attached to the train as decoration. Stick some filler cotton in the chimney. Glue the tree into the terracotta pot.

Finally, decorate everything with **decorative snow**. Cut individual snowflakes from the snowflake punching tape and decorate them on the trai

Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
51163	Hot glue gun, 15-80 Watt	1
762717	Sakura Gelly Roll	1
671637	Awl	1
232487	VBS Fill wadding, white, 300 g	1
571647-02	Terracotta potsInside-Ø 2 cm, 10 pcs.	1
692618	VBS Miniature fir tree, set of 16, snowed	1
11729	VBS Bag with drawstring "9 x 7 cm"	1
27869	VBS Decorative snow100 ml	1
560078-78	VBS Craft paint, 15 mlGrey (unfortunately sold out)	1
27494	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlIce blue	1
12528	VBS Matchboxes "Kraft paper", 5 cm	1
111065	VBS Handicraft glue	1
670586	VBS Magnetic closure "Line"	1
15518	VBS Sledge "Oakley"	1
640589-54	Wooden beads, Ø 8 mm, 85 piecesBlue	1
11773	VBS Wooden balls drilled "Ø 10 mm"20 pcs.	1
832359	VBS Yarn rolls "Ø 2.2 cm", 15 pieces	1
644303-06	VBS Double page Adhesive tape6 mm	1
610439	VBS Bamboo wood spikes, 50 pieces	1
760430	VBS Wooden discs/wheels, Ø 50 x 10 mm, 4 pieces	1
12527	VBS Matchboxes "Kraft paper", 11 cm	1