Merry Little Christmas Holiday Countdown Project

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Make this cute Advent or Christmas countdown project using Creative Memories' "Merry Little Christmas" products, and the printable Date Circles and Tag Inserts included with this guide! Customize to suit your family's holiday schedule, traditions and values.

Supplies Needed:

· Six pieces of 12" x 12" double-sided patterned paper *(Merry Little Christmas papers shown)*
· Color printer and 8.5" x 11" white cardstock to print Date Circles and Tag Inserts
AND/OR
· Coordinating cardstock for Tag Inserts and Box (optional)
· Stickers and embellishments to decorate Pockets and Box (optional) *(Merry Little Christmas stickers shown)*

· Basic Toolkit: 12" Straight Trimmer with straight and scoring blades, Two-Way Corner Rounder (optional), Tape Runner Adhesive, Scissors, 1" Circle Punch or Custom Cutting System with Circle Templates, Dual-Tip Pens, Hole Punch (optional), Ribbon or Twine (optional)

Instructions:

1) Cut each piece of 12" x 12" double sided patterned paper into four 6" x 6" squares. You will have twenty-four squares in total.

2) Place one piece of 6" x 6" paper in the 12" Trimmer with one point up and one point at the intersection of the 45° line and 2.5". Score with scoring blade *(pic 1)*. Repeat two more times, turning paper 90° each time so that you have scored lines along the bottom and two sides. Round all four corners (optional) *(pic 2)*.

3) With one corner pointing up, fold up the bottom corner along score line *(pic 3)*. Add a dab of adhesive, then fold over one side *(pic 4)*. Add another dab of adhesive and fold over the opposite side to finish the pocket *(pic 5)*. Repeat these steps for EACH square to make all twenty-four pockets.