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CREATE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS

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Christmas comes but once a year.
So it's FAR too important to leave
to Santa, a bunch of elves and
your family to get it right.

It's time to take control of your festive destiny.

This book is packed with activities
that use each page in a different way.

It's not one of those Zzzzzzzzzz activity books
that's all about sitting quietly and doodling penguins.
Get ready to colour, cut and construct as you

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BLOOMSBURY
Activity Books

HOW TO ~~USE~~ WRECK THIS BOOK

Tell your parents to sit down with a good read (such as your present list), and leave it all to you. Start by making the Advent Calendar (page 3). Let the countdown to Christmas begin!



BUILD DAZZLING DECORATIONS (PAGE 7)



FOLD YOUR OWN SNOWBALL FIGHT (PAGE 49)



CREATE CROWNS AND CRACKERS (PAGES 21 AND 35)



LAUNCH SANTA INTO THE AIR (PAGE 53)

Extra kit:

Most projects just use scissors, glue and pens or pencils. These boxes tell you if you need any extra kit:



Cut the paper along these lines

Fold the paper along the lines

Look out for this icon — these pages will completely self-destruct, so make sure you read every word before getting started!



ELF AND SAFETY INFORMATION

All the projects in this book have been designed to be safe for children to carry out at home, if they are confident with using scissors. We recommend that an adult helps out with or supervises certain projects, including Christmas Dinner Art, Christmas Critters, Sleigh Launcher and Snowball Fight. When launching Santa's Sleigh (page 53) make sure that it is pointed away from other people and never directed towards eyes. For Christmas Dinner Art (page 13) an adult should make the paints using hot or boiling water, and children should not use the paints until they have cooled down to room temperature. Make sure that children don't taste or eat paints made with food.



CHRISTMASOLOGY

If you're serious about building the best Christmas ever, check out the Christmasology boxes. You'll discover the history and science behind the best day of the year.

ADVENT CALENDAR



Countdown to Christmas morning in style, by making this advent calendar. Its nifty dial means you only have to make one door...

Extra kit:

• Scissors • Pencil • Paper fastener

What to do:

1. Carefully cut along the solid line on page 5 to remove the page from the book.
2. Cut out the three windows and two slits. Use the point of a pencil to make a hole through the place marked with a cross.
3. Cut out the circle on this page. Make a hole at the centre of the circle with a pencil.
4. Hold the circle with 1st December facing upwards. Slide it behind the front of the calendar so the points marked with a cross line up. Push the paper fastener through the pencil holes to hold the pieces together.
5. Turn the paper over and fold the paper fastener down to hold the circle in place.
6. Cut out the slider shape on this page. Fold along the dotted lines.

C D

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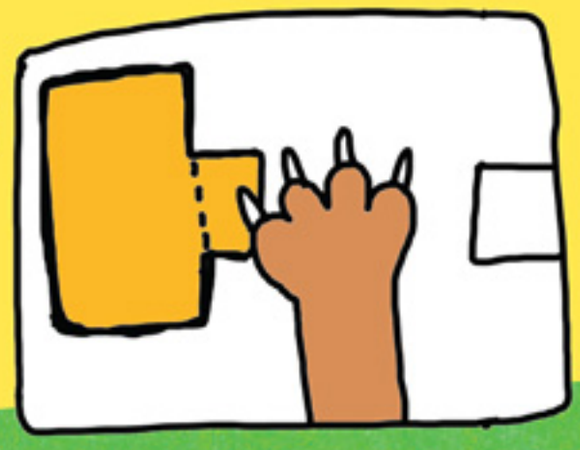
7. Fold flaps C and D inwards, so they lie on top of the long strip. Starting from the front of the calendar, feed the long strip of paper marked E through slit A (a). Pass the strip behind the circle and out through slit B (b).

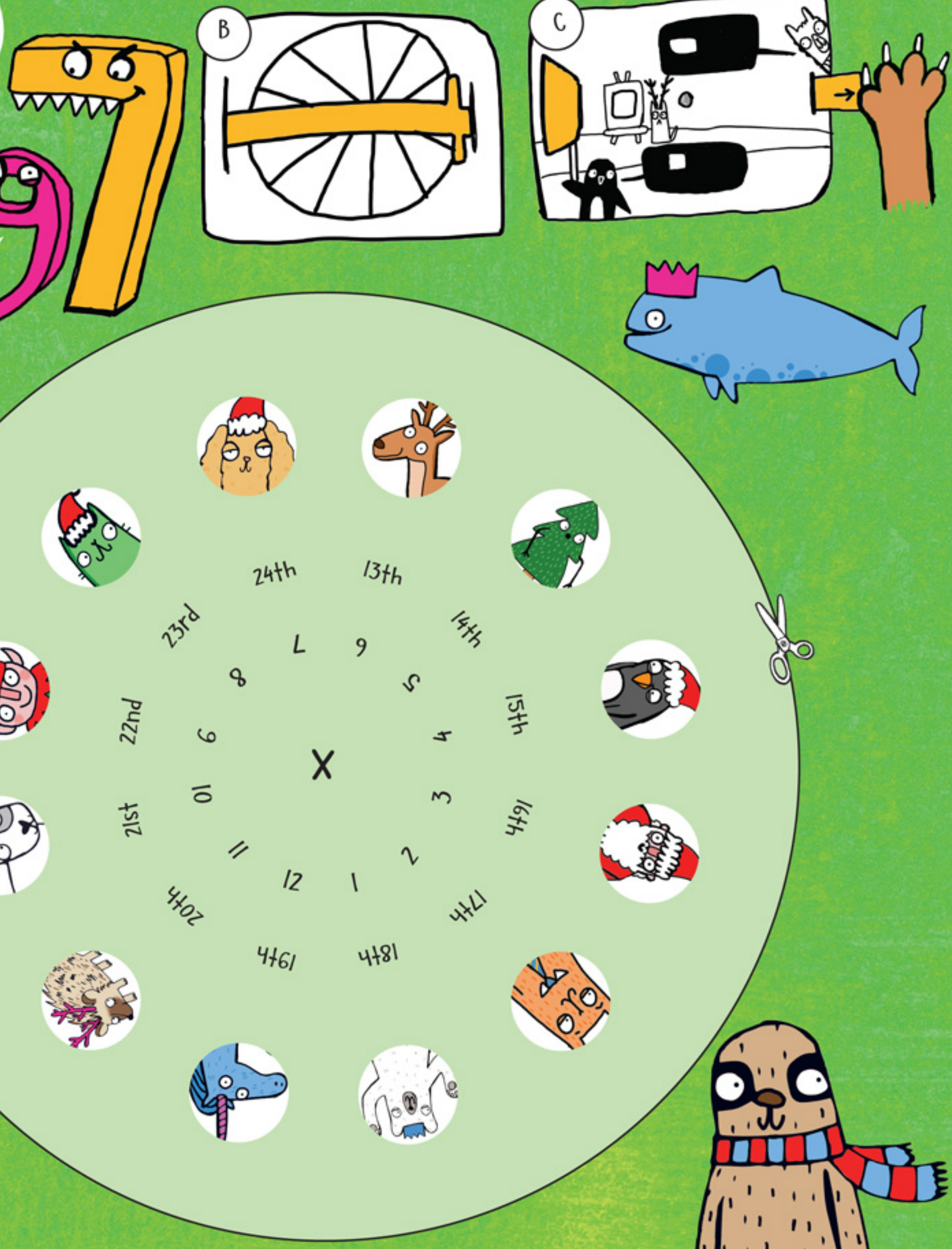
8. Fold flaps C and D out again to hold the mechanism in place (b).

9. Lastly, fold along the dotted line to hide the circle of paper and the slider inside the calendar.

10. Check that your calendar is working. The door should lie closed over the window and pop open when you pull tab E (c).

11. Turn the wheel to set the calendar to 1st December. Flex those festive fingers – it's ready to use!





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when you get to 12 December, undo the paper fastener and flip the wheel over.

December

A

B

X

days until CHRISTMAS!