

# Illustrated Advent Calendars



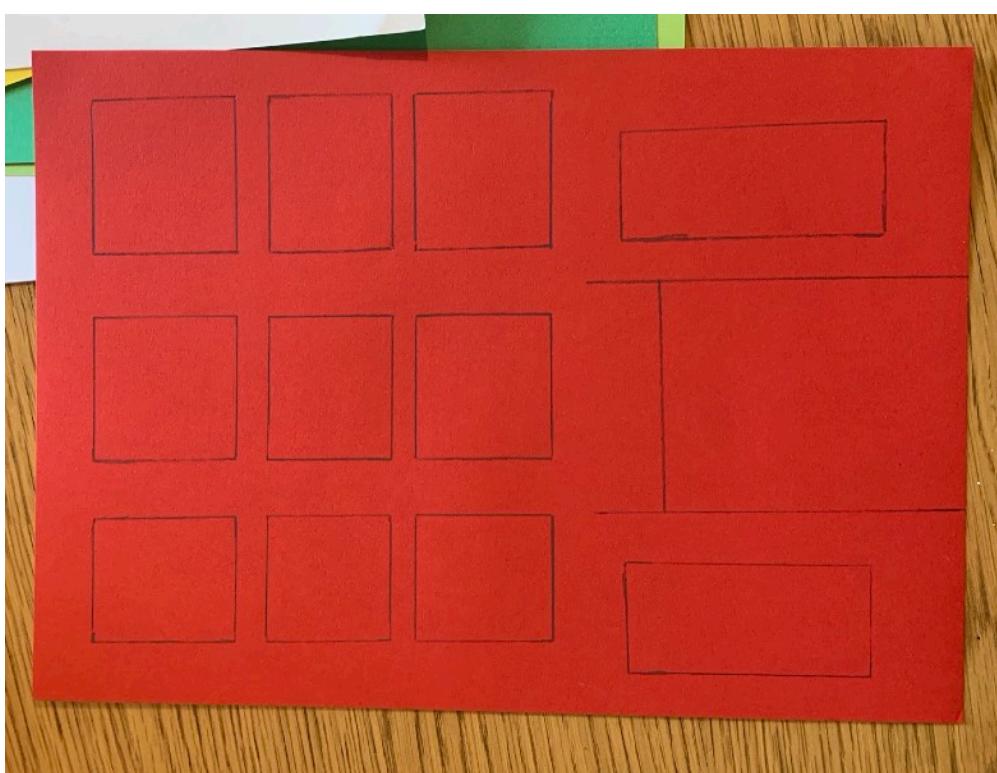
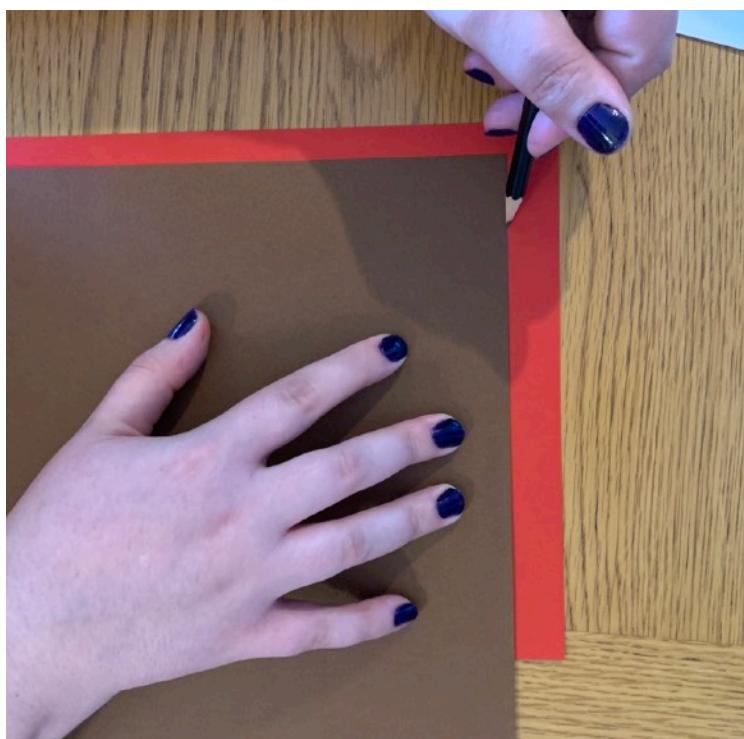
In the countdown to Christmas why not create your own Illustrated Advent Calendar you can use year after year!

## Tools and Materials:

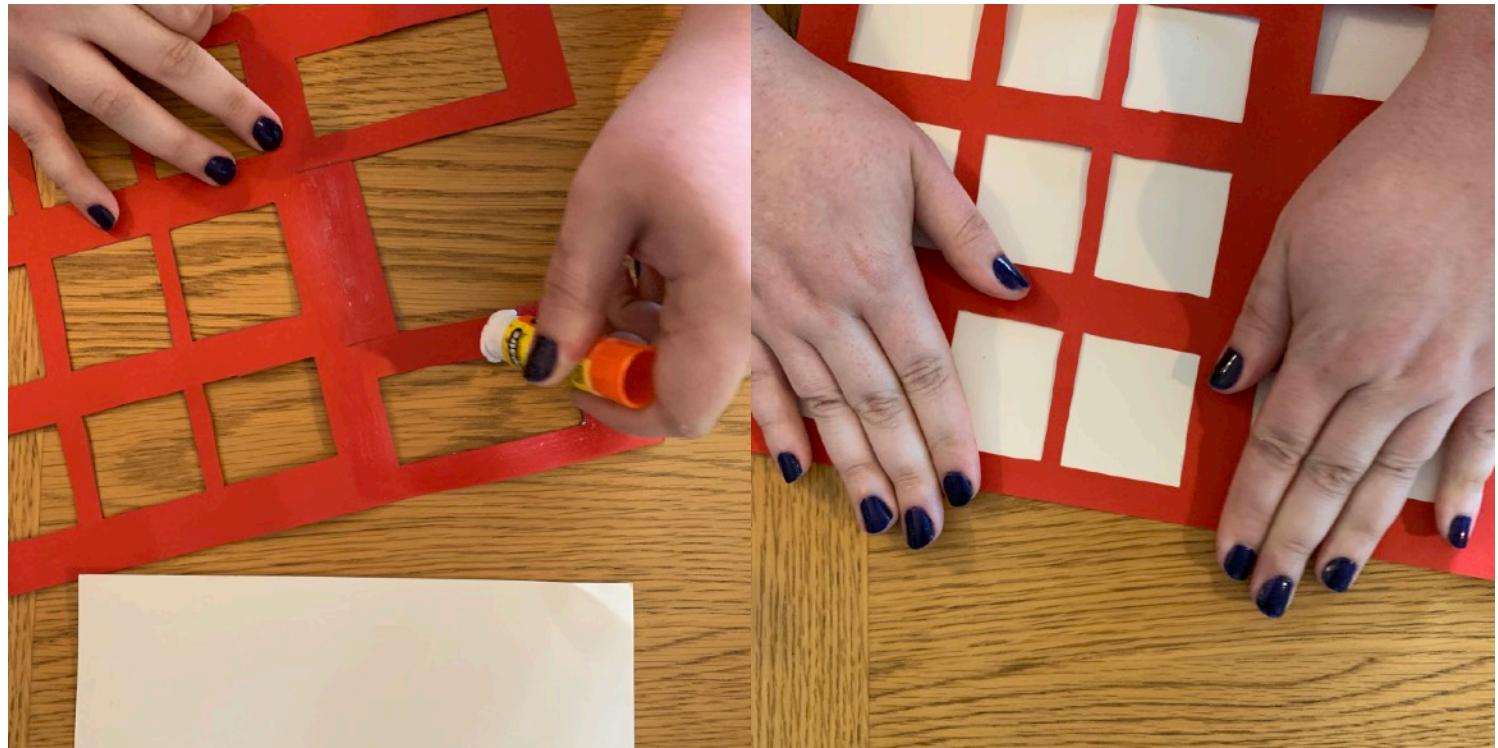
- Coloured Paper and Plain Paper
- Scissors
- Glue Stick
- Felt Tips



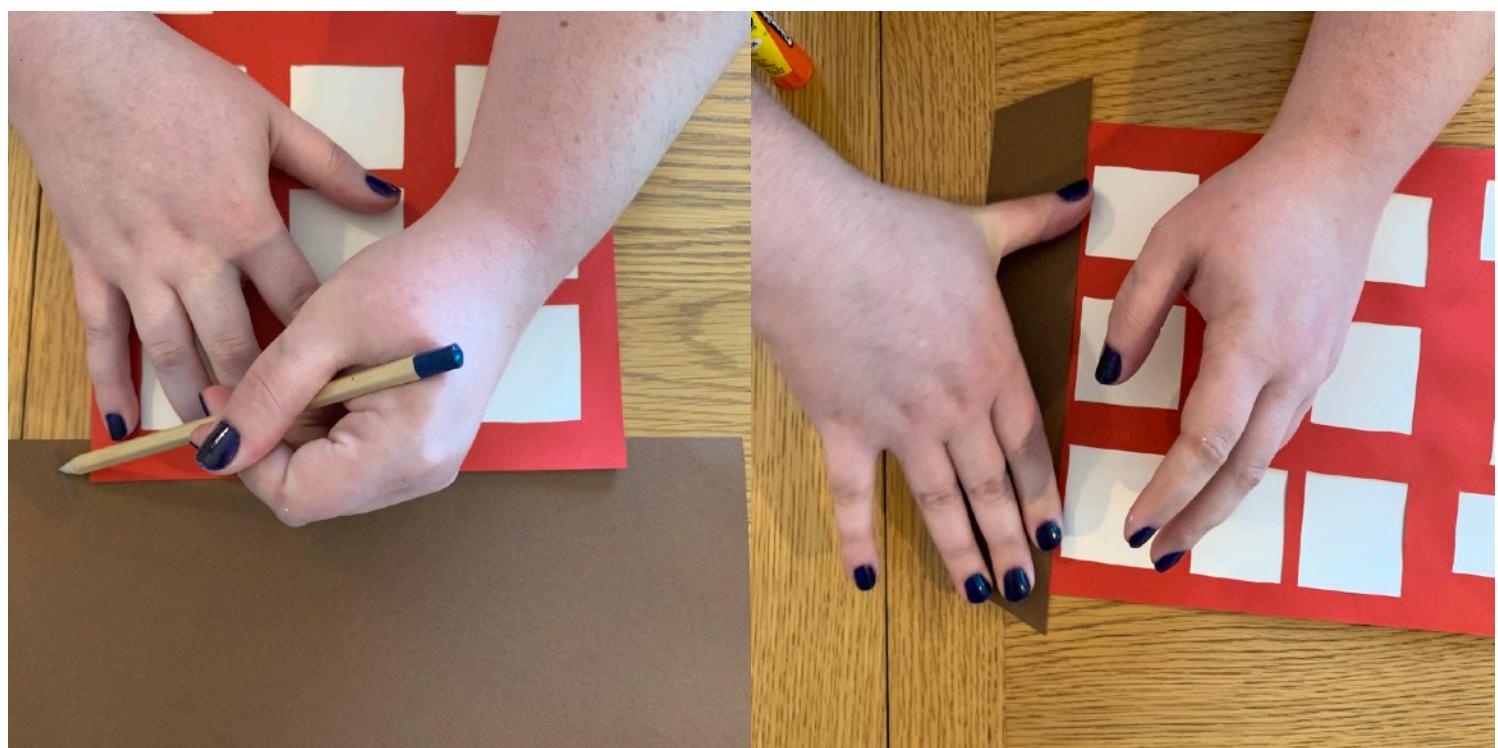
First of all pick what colour you want your house to be - we chose red for the main bit of our house. With the advent calendar using A4 paper having 12 windows (and a door!) makes more sense than 25 because of size - if you wanted to have 25 you could use a bigger bit of paper. For ours we measures out 1 door, 2 large windows and 9 small ones - you could use a ruler we just used the edge of another piece of paper



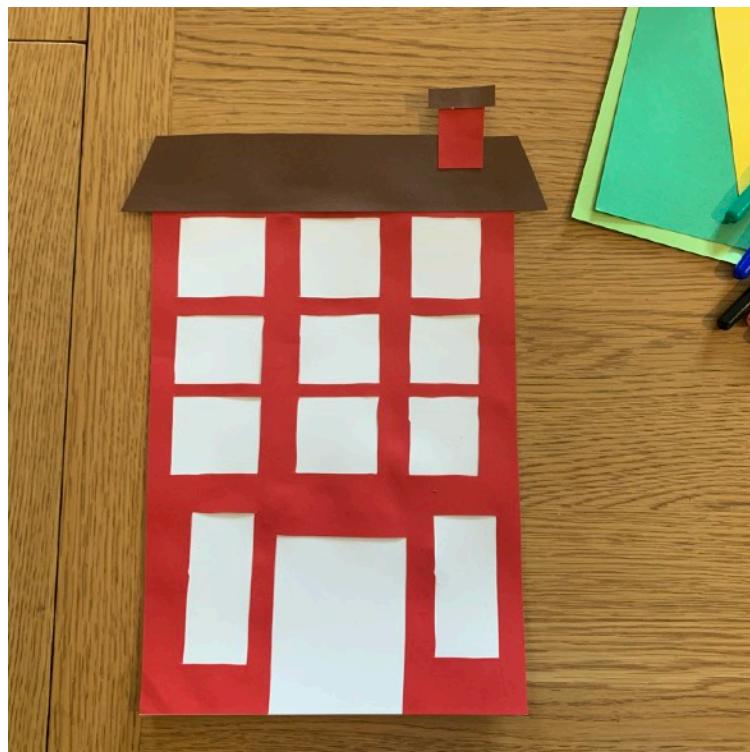
When you are happy with the windows and door you can cut them out and then stick your house on top of a piece of white paper (this is so you can illustrate your calendar later)



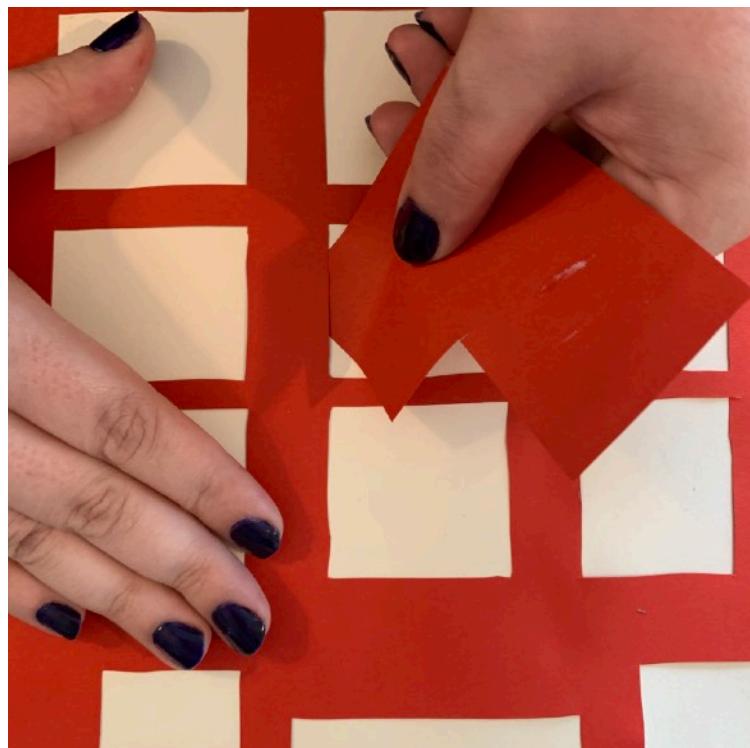
Using your house you can measure out a roof to go on top - make sure its bigger than the house as you want to be able to glue it easily



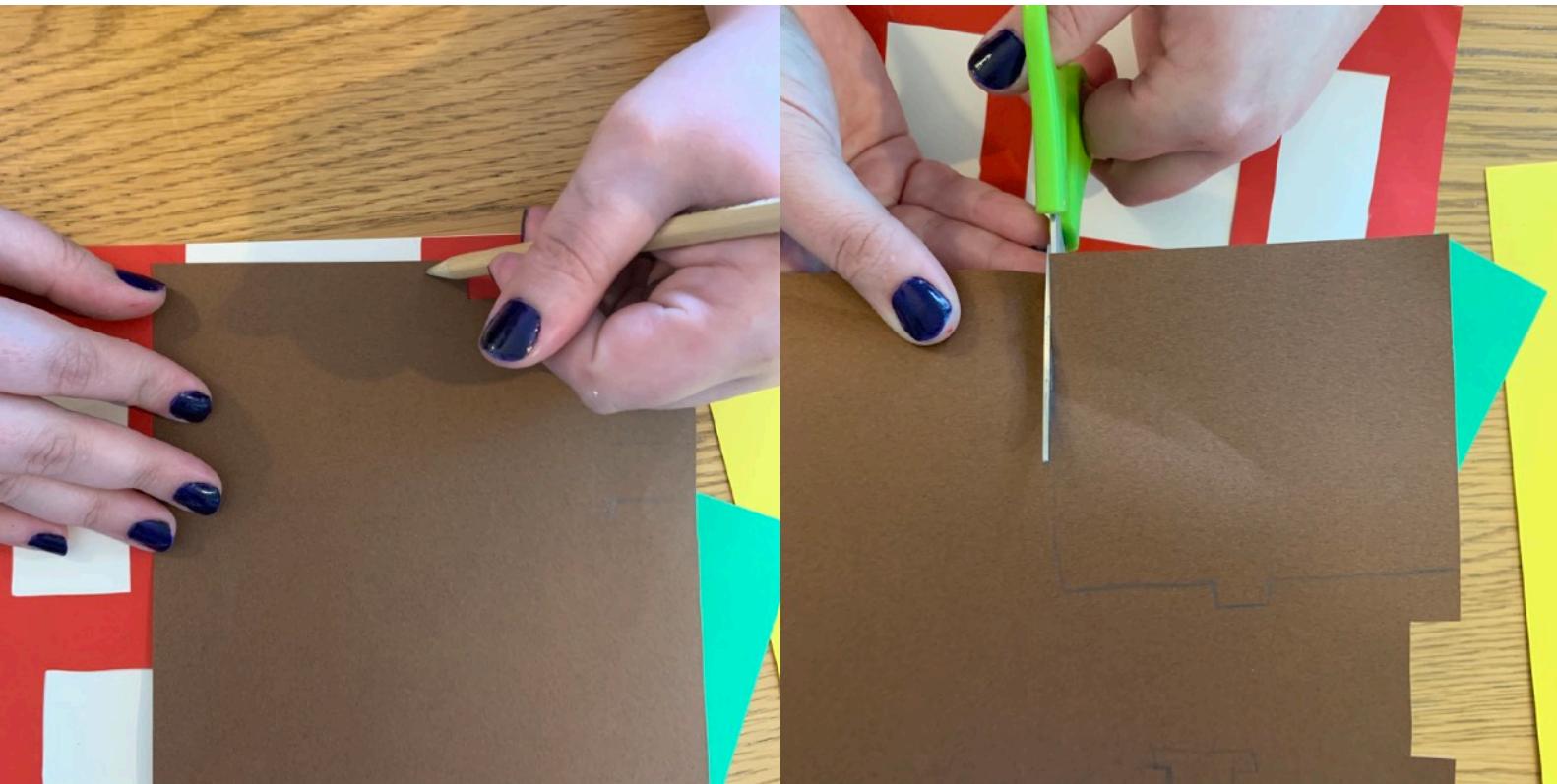
You can add decoration to your roof - like a chimney!



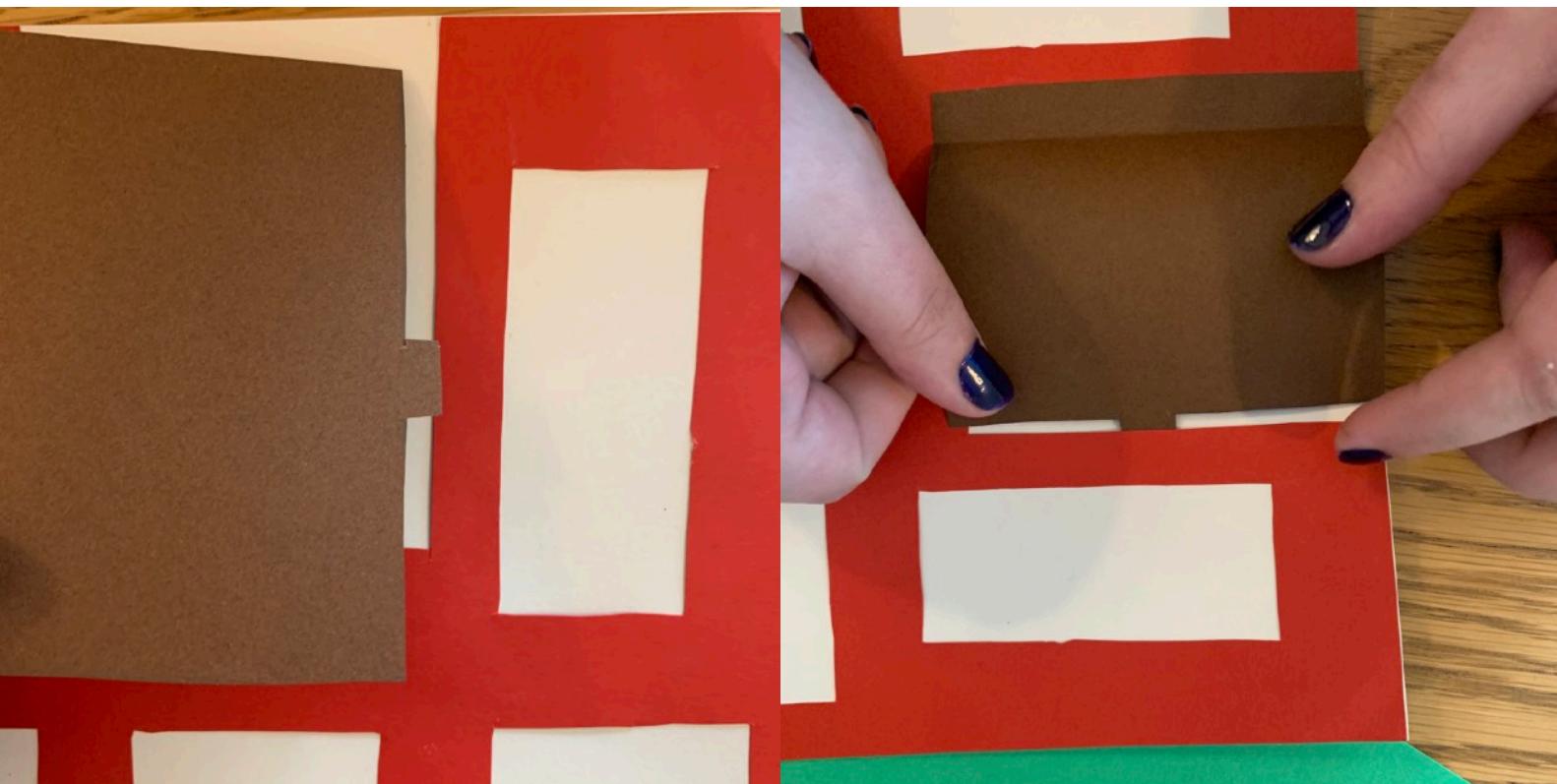
Going back to the house - where you've stuck the red paper to the white you might need to use a piece of paper to pull them apart a bit - this is so you can close the door and windows you will be making so try and do it in the middle. We did the doors opening on the left most doors and windows open on the right - it's totally up to you!



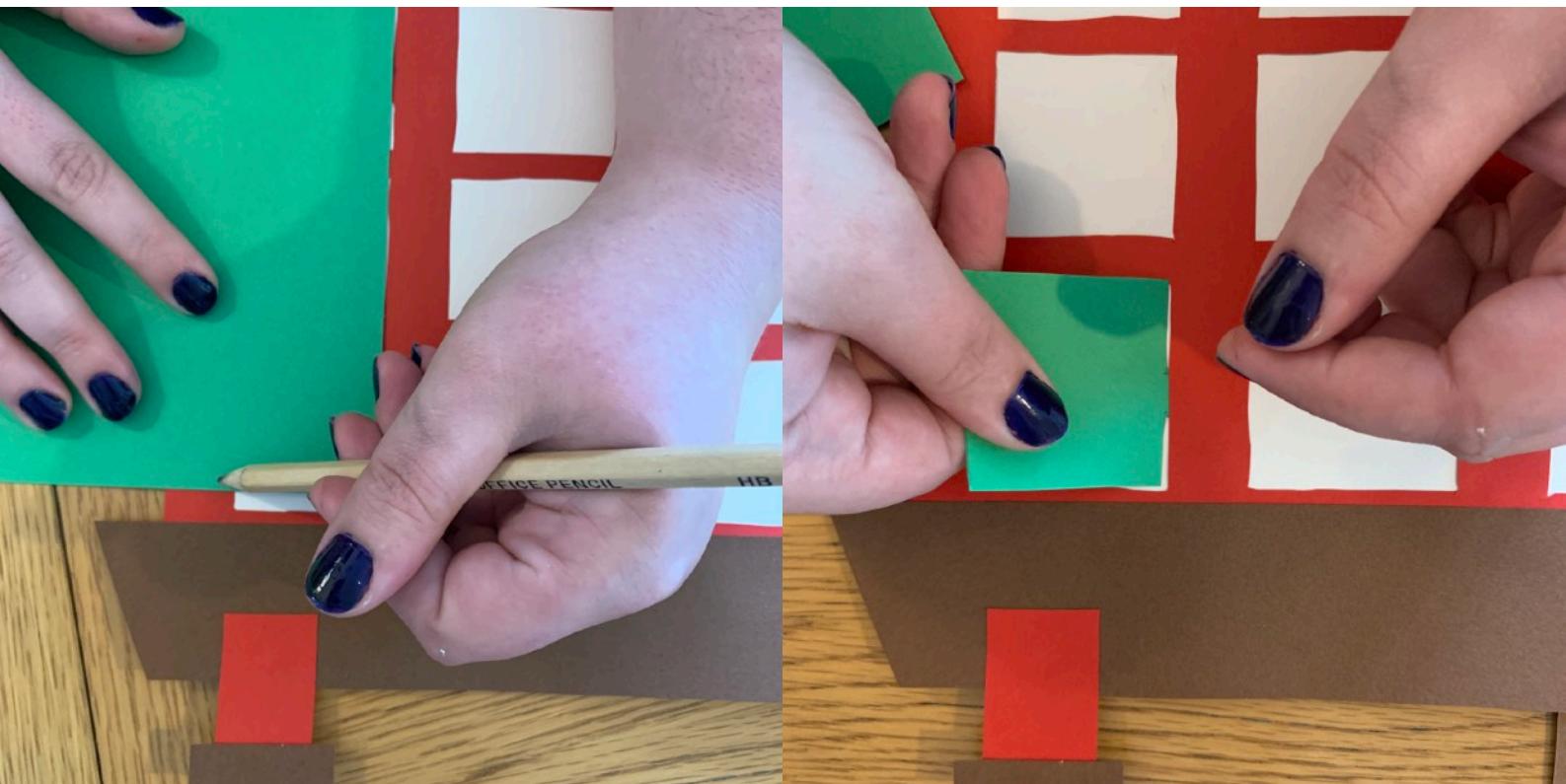
Now to make the door and windows - you need to create a square or rectangle that is slightly larger width wise than the white space on the house - plus an extra flap to close it like so



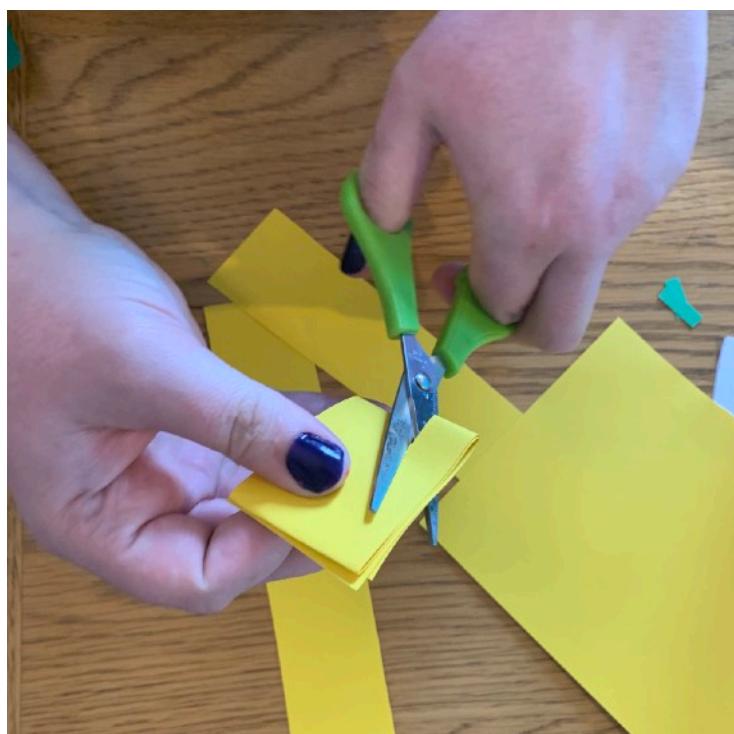
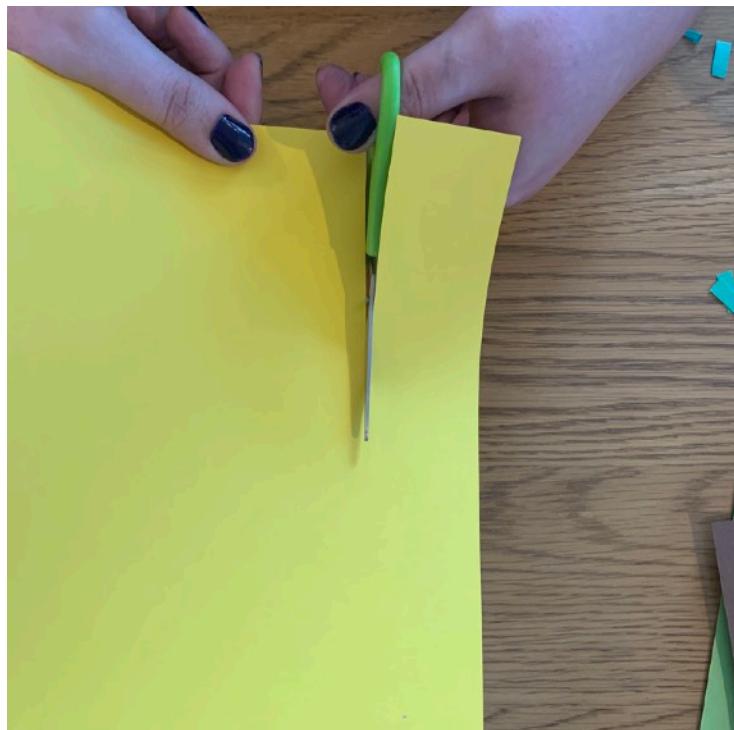
Once you are happy with it glue it in place, folding it to create a hinge



Same process with the windows - just really important to leave the lip to be able glue it to the house and the flap to be able to tuck it in to keep it closed till you need to open it



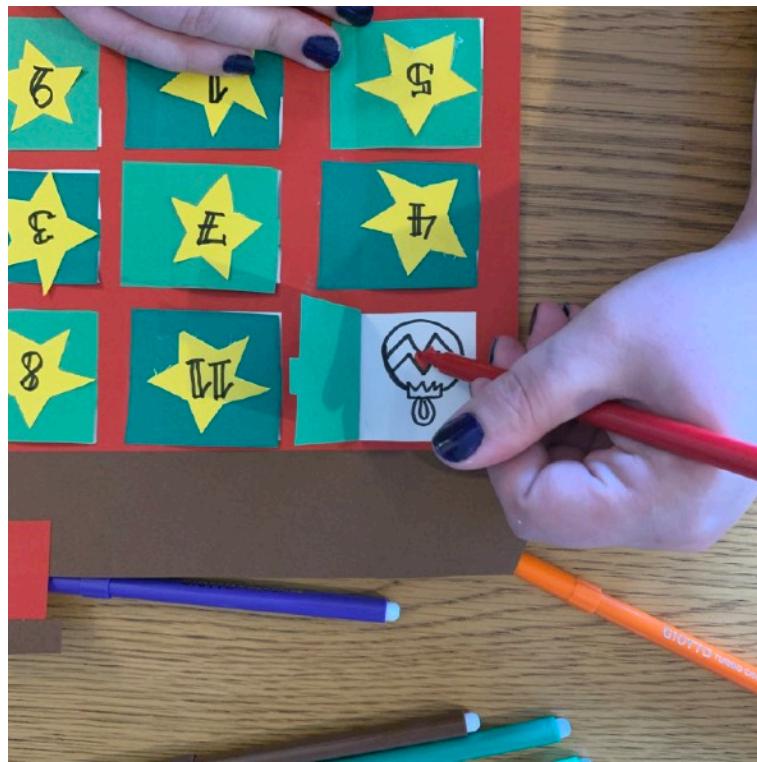
Once the door and windows are on time to make the number labels - we thought it would be fun to create stars to adorn the shutters and door! Take some yellow paper cut it into strips no wider than the windows, fold it and cut out some stars - you can probably get 6 at one time if that is too hard just do it 2 at a time (folded in half)



Then you can stick them on the windows and door and choose which number you would like them to be from 1-12



Now to create the pictures behind the shutters and door! What festive things can you think of? Baubles, Christmas Trees, Reindeers even Penguins - whatever you fancy!



For a finishing touch why not create some snow for your rooftop - measure round it on a piece of paper - cut it out and glue it on like so



There you have it your very own  
“Illustrated Advent Calendar”



