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# Twig Pouches

Make these little pouches to fit any size gift you like; tying them to a twig gives a rustic look to this calendar.



**3** Sew a numbered calico square onto the front piece of each pouch, 2.5cm (1in) up from the bottom. Don't worry about the patch being perfectly straight!



## Finished size

Large: 11.5 x 13cm  
(4½ x 5in)  
Small: 7.5 x 9cm (3 x 3½in)

## What you need

Three fat quarters of contrasting cotton fabrics  
11m (36ft) in total of twine, ribbon or cord, or all three!  
30.5cm (12in) square of calico  
Number stamps and ink  
A twig measuring around 90cm (35½in) in length

**1** Cut the calico into twenty-five squares of approximately 2.5cm (1in), but vary the sizes slightly. Fray the edges a little, then stamp a number in the centre of each.

**2** For each large pouch, cut two rectangles of fabric measuring 13 x 15.25cm (5 x 6in). For each small pouch, cut two rectangles measuring 9 x 10cm (3½ x 4in). Use pinking shears to trim across the top – a short side – of each piece.







4 For each pouch, sew the two pieces right sides together across the bottom short side.



5 With the pieces right sides together, fold the seamed edge up between the two layers by 1cm (1/2in) and pin in place; this creates the squared bottom.



7 Cut a 46cm (18in) length of cord, measure 20.5cm (8in) from one end and sew this point by hand to one side seam of the pouch, 4cm (1 1/2in) down from the top. Place a small gift inside the pouch, then tie cord around the top to make a bow.



6 Sew along each side. Turn the pouch right side out.



8 When your twenty-five pouches are complete, tie them along the twig at different heights, trimming the excess cord as necessary. Tie a loop of cord to either end of the twig to hang it up.



## Count down to a crafty Christmas!

Sew gorgeous, personalised advent calendars for your loved ones; fill them with festive treats and handpicked goodies to treasure.

Choose from 20 designs, from traditional flat-pocket calendars to hanging cones and festive pouches, for both adults and children alike – there's even a treat-filled calendar for the family dog!

The book contains all the techniques needed to make the calendars, and every project is shown clearly step by step. Using Debbie's friendly and easy-to-follow instructions, it's time to get crafty and create a new festive family tradition!

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