24 Christmas Countdown Activities · December 2026

One activity per day from Tuesday, December 1 to Thursday, December 24, 2026. "Days to go" is the calendar days left until Christmas Day at the start of each date. Swap any day to fit your plans.

DONE	DATE	ACTIVITY	DAYS TO GO
☐	**Dec 1** Tue	Make a 24-link paper chain and tear off one link each night	24
☐	**Dec 2** Wed	Write or draw a holiday wish list or a letter to a relative	23
☐	**Dec 3** Thu	Read a winter story borrowed from the library	22
☐	**Dec 4** Fri	Pajama movie night with homemade paper tickets	21
☐	**Dec 5** Sat	Make salt dough ornaments (craft dough, not food)	20
☐	**Dec 6** Sun	Paint yesterday's ornaments and hang them up	19
☐	**Dec 7** Mon	Cut paper snowflakes for a window	18
☐	**Dec 8** Tue	Holiday lights walk with a spot-it list	17
☐	**Dec 9** Wed	Make a thank-you card for a helper	16
☐	**Dec 10** Thu	Holiday music freeze dance	15
☐	**Dec 11** Fri	Blanket fort and flashlight stories	14
☐	**Dec 12** Sat	Decorate plain store-bought cookies or crackers	13
☐	**Dec 13** Sun	Sort toys and choose some to donate	12
☐	**Dec 14** Mon	Draw a family holiday portrait	11
☐	**Dec 15** Tue	Indoor scavenger hunt with picture clues	10
☐	**Dec 16** Wed	Stamp homemade wrapping paper	9
☐	**Dec 17** Thu	Video call a relative and show the paper chain	8
☐	**Dec 18** Fri	Cocoa and a holiday movie or read-aloud	7
☐	**Dec 19** Sat	Build a cardboard gingerbread-style house	6
☐	**Dec 20** Sun	Go to a free local holiday event or library storytime	5
☐	**Dec 21** Mon	Shortest day of the year: watch and draw the sunset	4
☐	**Dec 22** Tue	Leave kindness notes for neighbors	3
☐	**Dec 23** Wed	Wrap gifts together with the stamped paper	2
☐	**Dec 24** Thu	Christmas Eve: stockings, a story and clothes laid out	1