



# The big *build-up*

Add an ornament every day for an advent calendar with a difference.

## WHAT YOU NEED

- 4 blocks white baking clay (Fimo or Sculpey)
- Rolling pin or jar
- Mini cookie cutters
- Wooden skewer
- Gold jump rings (can be opened and closed)
- One sheet of plywood 46cm x 63cm (a building supply store will cut this for you)
- Resene masking tape
- Ruler and pencil
- Drill
- Small gold hooks
- Gold number stickers
- Resene testpot brush and Resene testpot paints.

### TREE:

Resene Salsa

### ORNAMENTS:

- Resene Shilo
- Resene Glorious
- Resene Irresistible
- Resene Just Dance
- Resene Wax Flower
- Resene Gelato

## ORNAMENTS

**1** Use a rolling pin or jar with no embossing to roll out the baking clay on a clean surface to about 6mm thick. Use miniature cookie cutters to cut out an array of shapes. Before baking, make a hole near the top of each shape using a wooden skewer. Bake at 160°C fan forced for 10 minutes or according to the clay baking instructions. Remove from oven and let cool.

**2** Paint ornaments on both sides using a range of pink Resene hues (see Resene colour list at left).

**3** Once dry, thread a small gold jump ring through each ornament.

**Note:** make extra ornaments, in case of breakages. Leftover ornaments can be threaded onto presents with ribbon.

## MAKING THE TREE

**1** You can make your own tree shape using our template as a guide, or scale and print it onto four sheets of A4 paper taped together.

**2** Centre the template on the wood and tape in place. Mark the three corners of the triangle on the board and, using a ruler, draw the lines of the triangle in pencil.

**3** Using the black dots on the template as a guide, drill holes for the small hooks. Drill right through the paper.

**4** Remove the template and, following your pencil marks, tape the triangle with Resene masking tape.

**5** Paint the inside of the triangle (the tree) with two coats of Resene Salsa and set aside to dry. Remove tape once dry.

**6** Screw in small hooks.

**7** Attach number stickers for the dates 1-25 just above each screw. Place numbers randomly around the tree. Every day during December add one ornament, until your tree is fully decorated for the big day. If you'd like a little treat each day as the excitement builds, have a box of sweets on one side. We painted a circular box in Resene Gelato to go with our pink and red theme.

## TEMPLATE

