

Christmas Tree Advent Calendar

Supplies

10" Nashville Wraps cake pad (item# PAD1117)
26 Nashville Wraps Pearl Truffle boxes (item# TBR1PW)
Nashville Wraps Red/Lime Rendezvous Dot gift wrap (item# SAP2927)
red and green craft paint
Nashville Wraps Petite Satin Dots ribbon in red & white and lime & white (item# SF1DRW, SF1DLW)
Nashville Wraps Petite Sheer Dots ribbon in citrus & red (item# 40668)
1 1/8" hole punch (or 1")
standard .25" hole punch
spray adhesive
scissors
craft knife
tape
hot glue (preferably low-heat)
card stock 8 1/2" X 11"

Instructions

1. Paint both lid and base of 9-10 truffle boxes red. Paint same number green. Leave rest of boxes white. Allow to dry completely.
2. Cut piece of gift wrap large enough to cover one side of cake pad. In well ventilated area, spray backside of wrap with spray adhesive. Adhere gift wrap to cake round. With craft knife carefully trim off excess paper.
3. Cut a piece of Petite Satin Dots ribbon in red/white approximately 33" long. Doing a section at a time, hot glue the ribbon to the edge of the cake round.

GENERAL RULES FOR ASSEMBLING BOXES: Refer to diagram for placement of boxes. Select a mix of colors. Before gluing the boxes down, check arrangement of boxes. Boxes are on their sides. You only glue the box lids. Try to straddle boxes from layer to layer so that boxes aren't directly on top of each other. Sometime this will have to happen.

4. You want to arrange 7 box lids in circle. Hot glue one side of each of the 7 lids to cake round to form a circle.
5. On this layer we need 6 box lids of various colors. This layer will be slightly tighter than the last circle. Glue the bottom edge of each of the 6 lids to the top edges of the lids on the bottom layer.
6. Create the next layers with 5, 4, and then 3 boxes.
7. Truffle box on the top layer is placed bottom down.
8. To put the ribbons on the boxes, cut 13 pieces of each color ribbon into 5.5" lengths. For each box bottom (which now faces outward), you need to take a 5.5" piece of petite satin dots ribbon, wrap around outside of box and tape to inside of box. (see video)
Put the red ribbons on the green boxes, green ribbons on red boxes, and alternate for white boxes.
9. Tie a separate bow for each box. Make the bow approximately 1 1/4" wide.
10. Print out attach PDF of the number tags. Using spray adhesive attach printout to card stock.
11. Trim card stock so that 1" hole punch can get to each number. Punch each number out, then using standard .25" hole punch, punch hole in top of number tag. You can cut the tags with scissors instead if you don't have a punch.
12. Starting at bottom of pyramid, match a ribbon bow to the ribbon on the box bottom. Sandwich the number tag between the ribbon bow and ribbon, attach with hot glue. Continue the same with the other box bottoms. Make sure numbers progress higher going around and up pyramid.
Then slide bottom of boxes into lids.