

## Wortschatz Adventskalender

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I created this advent calendar when I was teaching at a German Saturday school. I wanted a fun project for my students that would also give them an opportunity to practice some German vocabulary. Over the years, I've updated the project to include stickers and have been putting it up for my own kids. There are two options: you can print the version with words and let your child match the word on the chain link to the word on the poster and place the sticker above the word. Or you can print the version without words. Each day, your child can write the new word on the next available line and place the matching sticker above it.

### Materials:

- round white labels, 1 2/3 inches in diameter (compatible with Avery 5293)
- white card stock, 2 pieces
- tape
- scissors or craft (X-ACTO) knife
- letter-sized paper in holiday print, red and green, or whatever pattern/color you like, 2 pieces (I have a stack of 12x12 holiday crafting paper, and I just cut it down to size: 8½ x 11)
- glue/tape/stapler

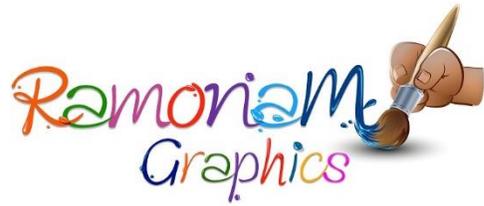
### Instructions:

1. Print the stickers on the round labels.
2. Choose which version you want and print out the *Adventskalender* on the card stock.
3. Tape the two pages together to make one long page.
4. Carefully cut slits in the bottom page along the two black lines. (You can use an exacto knife or the blade of a pair of scissors.)
5. Print the chain vocabulary words on patterned/colored letter-sized paper. \*If using patterned paper, be sure to print on the back (white) side!
6. Cut out the vocabulary words. A paper-cutter comes in handy here! Don't worry if it's not perfect. You won't really see the lines!
7. Begin making your paper chain, securing your loops with glue, tape, or a stapler. Be sure to **save one strip** to attach the chain to the *Adventskalender*. Be sure the word is on the inside and the decorative side is facing out! You can put them in random order or in alphabetical order (like the *Adventskalender*). Slip the last strip through the slits you made in the bottom of the *Adventskalender* and then through the first loop on your chain.
8. Hang up your *Adventskalender*. I like to use double-sided poster tape. Each day, have your child take off one strip. Copy the word onto the black space (if using the version without words). And match the sticker to the word!

## Weihnachts Wortschatz

1. der Adventskalender
2. der Adventskranz
3. die Geschenke (plural)
4. die Glaskugel
5. der Hoppelmann
6. die Kerze
7. das Knusperhaus
8. das Lebkuchenherz
9. der Lebkuchenmann
10. der Nikolaus
11. der Nussknacker
12. die Plätzchen (plural)
13. die Pyramide
14. das Räuchermännchen
15. der Schlitten
16. die Schneeflocke
17. die Stiefel (plural)
18. der Stollen
19. die Tasse
20. der Tannenbaum
21. die Weihnachtskarte
22. das Weihnachtslied
23. der Weihnachtsmarkt
24. die Zuckerstange

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