



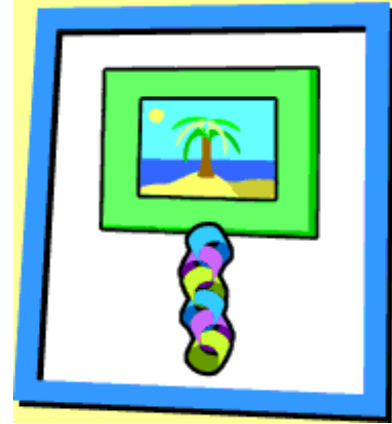
# Chain Calendar

Are you waiting for that special event?

Make this chain calendar and watch the chain shorten as the event you're waiting for gets closer!

## Equipment

1. A coloured picture, photograph or image related to your special event. You could cut a picture out of a magazine, or use a photograph, or even draw a special picture yourself.
2. A coloured sheet of cardboard that's bigger than the picture you're going to use.
3. Some coloured sheets of paper, about A4 size. It's better if you can have some sheets that are different colours.
4. A pair of scissors and some paper glue (such as Copydex).



## Safety Stuff

Making calendars can be fun, but please check with an adult before you begin as you might need their help. Working with items such as scissors can be dangerous, so be very careful when you use them, and make sure that you never leave them open or lying around where smaller children can reach them.

Before starting to make your calendar, cover the work surface you're going to use with some newspaper or an old cloth and make sure that you are wearing an apron or some old clothes. Gather together all the items you'll need before you begin. Most of the things you'll need can probably be found by hunting around your house, but remember to check with an adult before you take anything!

And don't forget to tidy up afterwards!

## Steps

### Step One

First, choose your image. It's best if it makes you think of the event that you're waiting for. You might use a holiday postcard if you're counting down to when you go on holiday! Glue your picture in the centre of a coloured piece of card to help strengthen it.

Add some smaller pictures or other decorations around the edge of the main picture if you wish.



### Step Two

Now make your countdown chain. Cut some different coloured pieces of paper into 3cm x 20cm strips.

Fold one of the strips of paper around to form a ring and glue the two ends together. Then put a second strip through the ring and glue the ends of that strip together.

You can use different colours as you make your chain so it creates a nice pattern. It's best to design your coloured pattern first before you start gluing your chain.



### Step Three

Keep making the paper rings until you have one ring for each day left until your holiday. You could pick any number such as 14 (two weeks), 30 (one month) or 24 (days before Christmas), for example.

Attach your completed chain to the bottom of the piece of card which has your picture on it. Then hang your calendar chain in your bedroom.

Carefully tear off one of the rings each day and before you know it, you'll be on holiday!



### Other Occasions

You can make a chain calendar for a number of different events. All you need to do is change the picture at the top.

What else could you use to make a similar kind of chain? You could use coloured loops of ribbon, for example.