# Advent calendar train made from matchboxes

**Instructions No. 2293**

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 6 Hours

**Tut tut**, here comes the **Advent calendar train**! Every day this one has a little present ready.... Not only does this train deliver beautiful gifts, it also looks great on your windowsill, dresser or table. It's a joy for young and old alike!



## This is how the great train is designed:

Stick the **matchboxes** together with double-sided tape according to the illustration above. Decorate them with blanks of motif paper.

We painted the wheels in the colour blue-green and accentuated them with Stardust after drying.

Shorten the **bamboo sticks** to about 10 cm and then put the **wheels** and **wooden balls** on them. Glue the resulting axles to the underside of the wagons (large matchboxes) with hot glue.

Glue **wooden beads** as small "knobs" to the individual compartments and number them with the white gel pen.

Use an awl to poke holes for the **magnetic closures** as "couplings" in the boxes, insert the closures and fix them from the inside with a little hot glue.

Then you can decorate the train as you like. There are no limits to your imagination and taste. We decided on the following: spools of yarn, terracotta pot and sleigh are designed with craft colours and Stardust and attached to the train as decoration. Stick some filler cotton in the chimney. Glue the tree into the terracotta pot.

Finally, decorate everything with **decorative snow**. Cut individual snowflakes from the snowflake punching tape and decorate them on the trai

## Article information:

| Article number | Article name | Qty |
|---|---|---|
| 51163 | Hot glue gun, 15-80 Watt | 1 |
| 762717 | Sakura Gelly Roll | 1 |
| 671637 | Awl | 1 |
| 232487 | VBS Fill wadding, white, 300 g | 1 |
| 571647-02 | Terracotta potsInside-Ø 2 cm, 10 pcs. | 1 |
| 692618 | VBS Miniature fir tree, set of 16, snowed | 1 |
| 11729 | VBS Bag with drawstring "9 x 7 cm" | 1 |
| 27869 | VBS Decorative snow100 ml | 1 |
| 560078-78 | VBS Craft paint, 15 mlGrey<br>(unfortunately sold out) | 1 |
| 27494 | VBS Craft paint, 50 mlIce blue | 1 |
| 12528 | VBS Matchboxes "Kraft paper", 5 cm | 1 |
| 111065 | VBS Handicraft glue | 1 |
| 670586 | VBS Magnetic closure "Line" | 1 |
| 15518 | VBS Sledge "Oakley" | 1 |
| 640589-54 | Wooden beads, Ø 8 mm, 85 piecesBlue | 1 |
| 11773 | VBS Wooden balls drilled "Ø 10 mm"20 pcs. | 1 |
| 832359 | VBS Yarn rolls "Ø 2.2 cm", 15 pieces | 1 |
| 644303-06 | VBS Double page Adhesive tape6 mm | 1 |
| 610439 | VBS Bamboo wood spikes, 50 pieces | 1 |
| 760430 | VBS Wooden discs/wheels, Ø 50 x 10 mm, 4 pieces | 1 |
| 12527 | VBS Matchboxes "Kraft paper", 11 cm | 1 |