

DIY Pottery Barn Halloween Countdown Calendar

Materials

Felt glue

Rotary cutter or scissors (I found that a rotary cutter works best, but scissors will do.)

1 ½ yards of orange felt

1 ½ yards of black felt

2 pkgs large orange ric rak

Various colors of craft foam with sticky backs (I used purple, lime green, yellow, black, red, white)

1 sheet of sticky back orange felt

1 sheet of sticky back white felt

Halloween craft foamies

Black embroidery floss

Needle

Dowel rod

Halloween ribbon

Alphabet/Number stencils 1"-2"

Directions

1. The first thing you want to do is cut 35 4" wide x 3 1/2" tall. A quilters square makes easy work of this, but if you don't have one make a pattern out of a paper grocery bag.
2. Then cut your black felt 44" long x 25" wide.
3. Arrange the squares so that you have 7 down and 5 across. If you want to leave room at the bottom to have your family name monogrammed, leave it. If not arrange the squares accordingly. The measurement between columns is approximately ¾" and between rows is approximately 1 ¼" to 1 ½". I say approximately because some of them are not. Just make it look like it's even. Leave room on the sides, top, and bottom for the ric rac.
4. Glue the squares on using the felt glue. Let dry.
5. While it is drying, stencil and cut out your numbers. I used a variety of different styles of stencils. This is totally up to you. If you can free hand numbers go for it! This is the fun part-where you can truly make this your "OWN". Also stencil the letters for the "HAPPY HALLOWEEN" title on the sticky back orange felt. I used a 1 ¼" tall stencil, stuck the letter on the white sticky back felt and cut around it leaving about a ¼" border.
6. When the squares are dry take your black embroidery floss and using 3 or 4 strands sew the squares on. This adds a more homemade look and added security. I completely sewed the orange square to the black felt on the two sides and bottom. For the top I just sewed through the orange leaving the top open for treats.

7. After the squares were sewn on, I arranged the title at the top. You should just be able to stick it on, but if you want added security put a little of the felt glue. Arrange your foam numbers and Halloween craft foamies on each square. I used a little felt glue on each just to make sure they stay on. After it is dry, sew a pocket at the top for your dowel rod to go through, tie some ribbon on the rod and **WALLA!!** You have your own version of a very pricey advent calendar.

