

# Thank you for your interest in the Scarborough Live Advent Calendar!

From **1 – 24 December**, we're lighting up a different window/street across Scarborough to celebrate advent.

Here are our top hints and tips for decorating your window:

## 1. Choose your window:

make sure passers-by can see your window clearly from the street/pavement, think about how you will light it up so your display can be seen in the dark (you could use a lamp with a timer, or a portable rechargeable work light), if your window has condensation could you set your design back off the window to avoid it getting wet?

## 2. Coming up with a design:

it could be a festive theme such as a Christmas song or movie, a positive message or quote like "peace" or "joy to the world", your window could have a local theme, displaying seaside images or something that relates to the history or culture in Scarborough. It's always a good idea to sketch your design out and see how it fits in your window too. If you're struggling, try a google search for "Live Advent Calendar Windows" for inspiration from other calendars all over the world.

## 3. Deciding how to create your design:

we love the method of using black sugar paper and tissue paper, it creates an effective display, isn't expensive and you don't need to be super crafty or a designer to create something special! Come along to one of our workshops in November to have a go at this technique yourself and pick up some skills and tips. There's lots of other ways you can create your window too: chalk pens, creating a 3D model out of various materials, projecting a design onto your window, spray snow... the possibilities are endless!

## 4. Have fun!

Creating your window is a great way to relax and unwind, or to connect with friends or family and make it a joint project. Give yourself plenty of time, allow for mistakes and remember it doesn't have to be perfect!



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