

# Feeling Festive?

Don't worry if you're not, read on to find a few ideas to help get you in the festive spirit with your little ones ready for Christmas!

## Book Advent Calendar



As a library we jump at the chance to include books in a suggestion! Count down the festive period and encourage your little ones to read with this fabulous book calendar idea. It's really simple! Get up to 24 books (new or loved from your shelf), wrap them up in festive or brown paper and decorate them with numbers from 1-24. If you can't find 24 books, just select a few and label them random numbers (still between 1-24, eg. 1, 4, 5, 7, 10 and so on). Then open each of the numbered books on the stated date and have fun reading a different book each day before Christmas!

Have a look at the following links for inspiration:

<https://www.finleeandme.com.au/christmas-book-advent-calendar/>

<https://www.bookbub.com/blog/book-advent-calendar-ideas-for-christmas>

## Simple DIY Gifts

There's no denying 2020 has been a hard year, not only mentally but also possibly on the purse strings for many of us. Christmas can be hard at the best of times and we are facing the possibility of spending this year away from some of our loved ones. However, this gives us the perfect opportunity to make something special without breaking the bank! Below are a few ideas we've found to give you a helping 'hand' (see what we did there?!):



[Air-dry clay change bowl](#)



[Handprint 'flower' card](#)



[Handprint art](#)

[Send a Hug](#) - an alternative to this is to trace/cut out your child's handprints from card and attach ribbon, the length of your child's arm span, to each of them.



## Christmas Treats

It wouldn't be Christmas without the scent of baking in the air so let your young ones loose in the kitchen to make these simple festive treats:

[Christmas Nutella Tree](#)



[Rudolf Shortbread](#)

