Holiday Ring Countdown Calendar

Supplies:

- Scissors
- Construction paper – at least four sheets of each color (brown and white)
- Craft foam – black, orange, and brown
- Mod Podge or craft glue
- Adhesive wiggle eyes
- Ribbon, small wreath, pom poms, or other embellishments
- Pen or pencil
- Ruler
- Stapler

Directions:

1. Decide on a design and countdown date for your calendar. Try making a reindeer, snowman, Santa, or whatever you would like! Then pick your countdown date, use your calendar to countdown to Hanukah, Christmas, Kwanza, New Year's Eve, or any other fun winter day!
2. Using a ruler and pencil, divide construction paper into equal sized strips.
3. Cut out all the strips using your Scissors.
4. Decide how many strips you will need for your countdown, then add one extra for the head.
5. Use a stapler to turn the paper strips into rings, attaching them in a row. Staple the next to last ring but don't attach it, and leave the last paper strip alone.
6. Draw then cut out your embellishments (like antlers or a hat) onto the craft foam.
7. Add fun embellishments if you want to, like ribbon and a mini wreath.
8. To the lone rings, add your embellishments with craft glue (the hat, the antlers, the noses, etc.). Let them dry. Then attach them to the main ring chain with the last paper strip.
9. Hang your chains on the wall near your tree or in a place where the kids can reach.
10. You'll have them use their scissors to cut off one of the rings every single day!
11. All that will be left is the head at the end, which you can save and use for the following year to make a new countdown calendar!

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