

2023 24-Day Elf Kit Activity Instructions for Adults

For your convenience, the elf kit is packaged in 6 separate bags, with each bag containing 4 days of activities. A bag of 3 bonus activities is also included to extend your elf fun this year. You do not have to go in this specific order, but the items are packaged as listed. There are daily materials for December 1-24. **Some materials are not suitable for under age 3 due to choking hazards. Adult supervision is required for all elf activities included in this kit.**

For each day:

1. Review the daily instructions.
2. Gather materials from your kit (and around the house if needed).
3. Set up the scene or activity with the daily mini poster.
Tip: Reading the mini poster gives more info about the daily activity!
4. Enjoy the smiles from your kid!

Day 1: I'm Back!

Materials included: 24 paper strips

Other materials needed: Writing utensil

Set up: Set out the paper strips with the Elf for child to find. Create a paper chain with your child by numbering the strips 1-24 and then looping strips together in numerical order. Each strip is self adhesive. Remove one loop each day (starting with loop 24 on December 1st) to count down the days left until Christmas.

Day 2: Color Santa a Picture

Materials included: Coloring book and crayon set

Other materials needed: None

Set up: Place Elf out with materials

Day 3: Swinging Elf Style

Materials included: Candy cane, twine

Other materials needed: Tape, scissors

Set up: Use the materials to create a swing. Tie one end of each string around the candy cane so that the candy cane is like a seat for the Elf. Tape other ends of string so that the swing is hanging (e.g. on the Christmas tree, on the wall, from a shelf). Place Elf on swing.

Day 4: Play Doh Fun

Materials included: Play Doh and cookie cutter

Other materials needed: None

Set up: Shape Play Doh into words of your choice, such as "Hi" or "Be good"

Day 5: Find the Hidden Treat

Materials included: Paper cups and candy

Other materials needed: None

Set up: Set cups up in any arrangement you choose; hide some pieces of candy under one or more cups. When your child sees the setup, have them guess under which cup(s) the candy is hidden.

Day 6: Astronaut Elf

Materials included: Glow in the dark stars, paper tube, foil, space stickers

Other materials needed: None

Set up: Use the foil to create a spacesuit for the Elf and place glow in the dark stars around. Leave the paper tube and stickers out for the child to decorate a “telescope.”

Day 7: Elf Twister

Materials included: Twister game board

Other materials needed: None

Set up: Place Elf on the Twister board in any desired position

Day 8: I Spy

Materials included: Ornament craft

Other materials needed: None

Set up: Take pieces of the ornament craft and hide around the room or house (may depend on your child’s age and ability to find the pieces).

Day 9: Magic Coin Trick

Materials included: Chocolate coins

Other materials needed: Two coins

Set up: **This activity requires setup with your (child)ren the night before.** Leave two coins out before your child goes to bed and tell them that you want to see if the Elf can do a magic trick (or will take the coins, or another story of your choosing). Before your child wakes up the next day, replace the two coins with the chocolate coins.

Day 10: Let’s Read a Story!

Materials included: Storybook

Other materials needed: None

Set up: Place Elf out with the book

Day 11: Clownin’ Around

Materials included: Red pom poms, glue dots

Other materials needed: Family photos (or other places to place dots)

Set up: Use glue dots to place pom poms on family photos (or other items) in a funny way

Day 12: Don’t Feed the Toys

Materials included: Goldfish crackers

Other materials needed: Toys

Set up: Collect some of your children’s toys and place them around and facing towards the Elf. Place the goldfish crackers with the Elf and the “don’t feed the animals” sign nearby.

Day 13: Where’s My Phone?

Materials included: Smartphone eraser

Other materials needed: None

Set up: Place Elf out with smartphone eraser nearby for the child to find.

Day 14: Game Night

Materials included: Tic Tac Toe game keychain

Other materials needed: None

Set up: Place Elf out with game

Day 15: Sleepover

Materials included: None

Other materials needed: Children's socks; toys

Set up: Pick out some toys and some socks to use for this scene. Place the Elf and a toy in a sock like a sleeping bag and leave out for child to find.

Day 16: Fortune Cookies

Materials included: Fortune cookies

Other materials needed: None

Set up: Place Elf out with fortune cookies

Day 17: Movie Night

Materials included: Popcorn

Other materials needed: Movie and other food/drink items for a movie night

Set up: Place Elf out with popcorn and movie

Day 18: Friendship Bracelet

Materials included: Beads; thread

Other materials needed: Scissors; additional beads or charms, if desired

Set up: Use the included beads and thread to make bracelets.

Day 19: Duck, Duck, Goose

Materials included: Mini ducks

Other materials needed: Other toys, if desired

Set up: Set Elf up with mini ducks (and toys, if preferred), sitting together in a circle

Day 20: All Tangled Up

Materials included: String of Christmas lights

Other materials needed: None

Set up: Wrap Elf up in string of Christmas lights

Day 21: Pool Day

Materials included: Mini-inflatable

Other materials needed: Bathroom or kitchen sink; water; additional toys, if desired

Set up: Fill sink with water; blow up mini-inflatable and set it in the water with the Elf.

Day 22: Snowball Fight

Materials included: Marshmallows

Other materials needed: Toy(s); additional "snowball" ingredients, if desired

Set up: Use marshmallows to set up a snowball fight scene between the Elf and other toy(s)

Day 23: Glow Party

Materials included: Glow sticks

Other materials needed: None

Set up: Set Elf up with glow sticks; you can choose whether to break one to wrap around the Elf

Day 24: Elf Kisses Goodbye

Materials included: Hershey Kisses

Other materials needed: None

Set up: Place Elf out with Hershey Kisses

Bonus Activity: I'm Sick

Materials included: Two cups

Other materials needed: Tape

Set up: Put the cups open end to open end with the Elf inside. Tape closed to create a container for the Elf.

Bonus Activity: Call Santa

Materials included: None

Other materials needed: Phone

Set up: Place Elf with mini poster (with Santa's number on it)

Bonus Activity: Tooth Fairy

Materials included: Fairy wings

Other materials needed: None

Set up: Attach fairy wings to the Elf's back