

Block Perpetual Calendar



January welcomes the start of a new year. Everyone uses some sort of calendar, most likely digital, but it's always useful to have a visual to refer to. I'm intrigued by perpetual calendars so that's what this month's main make is. The house version on the right has been attached to a money box for dual purpose.

I was confused with the numbers so referred to a ready printed version. These show the date and month only so can be used every year. One block has the numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. The other has the numbers 0, 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 (9 is an inverted 6). Alternating blocks allows for the dates 1st to 31st.

Materials:

- Medium oak - wooden block perpetual calendar holder blank, cream paint, wood stain, vinyl die cut number stickers, calendar clear stamps, black dye based ink (fast drying and fade resistant), vinyl die cut word stickers (Carpe Diem – seize the day, Carpe Vitam – seize life), black acrylic paint
- House money box – wooden house shaped perpetual calendar and money box, contact dries clear glue, acrylic paints and matching marker pens, miniature model making foliage, felt self-adhesive pads
- A5 card calendar – A5 card blanks, backing papers, double sided adhesive tape, mini tab tear off calendars, paper/mulberry flowers, PVA glue
- Hanging wooden board calendar – 20x20cm wooden backing boards with two holes, hanging wire (or ribbon/twine), mini tab tear off calendars, double sided adhesive tape, backing papers, background downloads – *capture the moment, today is the tomorrow you dreamed about yesterday*, book binding glue, fine sandpaper

Instructions:

- Medium oak – Paint the holder/blocks with cream paint to act as a resist for the wood stain and leave to dry. Paint all again with wood stain, I used a combination of mostly pine with a small amount of oak wood stain to create a medium oak colour, leave to dry. Add the number stickers to the blocks as shown in the order given below. Stamp the months on the long blocks (January-April, May-August, September-December). Add the vinyl die cut wording stickers to the front of the holder. Paint the edges of the holder with black acrylic paint for contrast.
- House money box – Paint the money box and calendar in colours of your choice with acrylic paints and leave to dry. Colour the ready printed blocks with marker pens to match the colour theme so they blend in (much easier than painting). Glue the money box to the calendar with contact glue and leave to set. When the glue is fully set add felt self-adhesive pads to the bottom of the calendar part to stabilise as it is resting on the money box plinth. Use contact glue to attach miniature trees/foilage around the bottom and leave to set.
- A5 card – Cut backing papers to A5 size and stick to the front with double sided adhesive tape. Stick on the tab calendar with double sided tape. Using PVA glue add paper/mulberry flower embellishments.
- Hanging wooden board – Assemble as for the A5 card but stick backing paper on with book binding glue. Trim off excess paper by sanding around the edges with sandpaper. Add hanging wire through the holes.



Experimenting with different surface finishes on wooden blanks



Bare wooden blanks, vinyl stickers, clear stamps, tab calendars

0	3	5
	4	
	1	
	2	

8	1	6
	2	
	0	
	7	

Mini Tab Tear Off Calendars on Wooden Hanging Backing Boards, 20x20cm size



Mini Tab Tear Off Calendars on A5 Card Blanks



The hanging wooden boards can be used next year by carefully peeling away the calendar and replacing. The cards make great New Year or thank you cards that can then be displayed on a fridge with a magnet. The 20x20cm complimentary downloads can be used on 8x8 card versions.

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