



## What you need



**1.** For this activity you will need various colours of chalk.

You can make your own chalk, if you don't have any at

hand, by mixing equal parts of cornstarch and water, adding food dye and letting the mix dry for 12 hours approximately. I'd suggest you don't use any permanent paint because the trick is that the numbers and days on the calendar stay washable for the next month.

**2.** You will also need Blu Tack or other form or non-permanent adhesive.

**The main idea behind this calendar is getting children to add one hand-made object a day to the correct date.** According to their age you can guide kids for this object (a drawing, piece of writing, a sculpture, invention plans, putty shape, paper mache mask, and so on) to be an impression of their day or just a daily task.

**3.** Once you have all the materials and have chosen a place to draw the grid, you will only need your imagination.



The bigger the squares, the greater the chance for them to get creative. Remember to leave space for the dates and days of the week and according to how creative you lot are feeling, you can have a distinctive image for each day, a character for example, a flower, an animal, a bird or just a made up symbol of your preference (a Morse Code symbol?).

**When working with very young children, a symbol can be used to teach them other concepts such colours, shapes or number sequences.**

**YOU MIGHT HAVE WED 24th AND WED 31st UNDERNEATH BUT NEXT TO EACH WED THE NUMBER 3, OR THE LETTER C, THE COLOUR GREEN, ETC.**

## TIPS

- \* Children from 0-3 years old will appreciate that the calendar is drawn on the floor or on a wall. Older children might want to create their own calendar each, but if you have children of various ages, encourage them to share a big common one too to promote team building skills.
- \* A craft for the calendar can also be a picture or a drawing of a role play activity, such as fancy dress night!
- \* When changing months it is important that you take a picture of the finishing month so that they can look back and remember old days.

