

42698 Friends Advent Calendar 2026

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Reveal a magical winter wonderland with the LEGO® Friends Advent Calendar 2026 (42698) building toy. This holiday-themed set includes 24 days of adventure as kids get ready for the arrival of Christmas. Unwrap a new surprise each day, including 3 minidolls and 6 mini animal figures: a seal, pony, weasel, polar bear, penguin and a bunny. Each new Christmas toy adds to the festive scene and includes minidolls Nova, Liann and Aliya as they write to Santa, wrap gifts, throw snowballs and more. Accessories include festive hats, gifts, cookies, marshmallows for toasting and a passport. This set makes a fun Advent or early Christmas gift for girls and boys ages 6 years old and up who love creative play. The set contains 211 pieces.

LEGO® FRIENDS HOLIDAY TOY – Count down to Christmas with the LEGO Friends Advent Calendar 2026 (42698), which is packed with 24 days of surprises.

WINTER ACTIVITIES – This Advent calendar building set lets kids explore a new activity each day like snowball throwing, sleigh rides, enjoying hot chocolate and building a snowman.

MEET FUN CHARACTERS – This Christmas-themed toy is perfect for holiday storytelling with Liann, Nova and Aliya minidolls, plus animals including a seal, pony, polar bear, penguin and more.

CHRISTMAS ACCESSORIES – Kids can reveal lots of winter toy accessories as they journey through Advent: festive hats, gifts, cookies, marshmallows for toasting, a passport and more.

The front of the box shows 3 friends, a pony, and a bunny sitting around a campfire cooking marshmallows!

The back of the box shows a snowy mountain in the back! In the front, the friends are sitting around, skiing, and playing with their pets!

The top of the box shows a real size image of Emma! She has pink pants with blue pockets, a pink and blue shirt, and black hair!

The build is 211 pieces in total and is for ages 6+.

Welcome to Text-Based Building Instructions from Bricks for the Blind. Here is some helpful information on how to best use screen readers and browsers: <https://bricksfortheblind.org/help-with-screen-readers>. Before you start building, here are some terms we will be using:

- In Front of/Front: towards you.
- Behind/Back: away from you.
- Up: towards the ceiling.
- Down: towards the floor.
- Stud: the bump on a LEGO brick. Example: A 2x1 brick has two studs on it.
- Vertically: with the longest side going from front to back
- Horizontally: with the longest side going from left to right.
- Upright: pointing up towards the ceiling.
- Standing upright: The piece is perpendicular to the ground, like a wall.
- Lying flat: The piece is parallel to the ground, like a piece of toast which fell off the table.
- That one/ppp: previously placed piece.

- Plate: piece with studs.
- Tile: smooth piece without studs (unless otherwise specified)
- A jumper plate is a 1x2 plate with a single stud on top, or a 1x3 plate with only two studs on top.
- "Anti-stud" is a term for the portion of a LEGO piece which accepts studs, like the bottom of a plate or brick.
- Symmetrically: a mirror image. Example: If you place a 2x1 brick with technic connector on the front wall at the right, connector to the front, and then place another such piece symmetrically on the back wall, at the right, the technic connector of the second piece should point to the back, since it will be placed symmetrically.
- Centered-vertically: even amount of space in front of and behind piece
- Centered-horizontally: even amount of space left and right of piece.
- Row: studs lined up horizontally (left to right/side to side).
- Column: studs lined up upright or vertically (top to bottom/back to front).

A note on LEGO Technic™ part names. These parts are somewhat different from regular LEGO bricks. Here are some definitions in case the builder or helper is not familiar with LEGO Technic™.

Axles - An axle is a connector which has an X shaped cross-section. Because their cross section is not round, anything connected to an axle using an axle-hole will rotate with that axle. Axles are longer than they are wide, and the length of an axle corresponds with how many bricks long it is. Aka a 3L axle is three bricks long. Axles come in a variety of lengths, with a 2L axle being the shortest available. They may be combined with pins, or have circular stops on them. A stop prevents the axle from sliding through an axle-hole at a specific point on the axle.

Pins - A pin is a connector which has a circular cross section and a flanged notch out of one or both ends. This flanged notch allows them to click into bricks with a pin-hole. Pins come with and without friction ridges, which are small bumps on the pin which prevent them from rotating freely. For standard pins, black is a high friction pin, and gray is a low friction pin. A standard length pin is two brick lengths long, with a stop in the middle. This prevents a brick from being pushed from one side of the pin to the other. A 1L pin is one brick long and still retains the stop, however it also includes a hollow stud at the other end. A 3L pin is three bricks long, and only contains a stop at one side, allowing two bricks to be pushed onto the other side of the pin. Pins may also have one side which is an axle.

Technic brick - a brick which contains one or more holes which accept technic pins.

Lift-arms - A lift-arm is a basic structural element, similar to a brick or a plate, but usually without any studs. It is a beam with rounded ends and with holes in it, with the same spacing as the studs on a LEGO brick. lift-arms come in a variety of lengths, including a 1x1 lift-arm which looks like a cylinder. Thick lift-arms are as wide as a LEGO brick, and thin lift-arms are half as wide as a LEGO brick, but not the same thickness as a LEGO plate! The holes in a lift-arm may accept axles or pins. They also come in a variety of shapes, including tees, ells and triangles.

Gears - A gear is a functional element. They are typically discs with teeth on the outside, there are also worm gears which look like a spiraling cylinder! Gears connected by axles transmit or even transform rotational motion!

Axle and Pin Connectors - These elements are typically smaller than lift-arms and are used to connect some combination of pins or axles. They might have pins or axles, as well as axle or pin-holes. They have

a lot of different angle combinations! The simplest just connects two axles or pins together in a straight line.

Bushes/Bushings - LEGO Technic™ uses bushes largely as spacers, but they also can reduce friction between rotating parts, or can form useful elements such as handles. Bushes are typically light gray, generally cylindrical, and have an axle-hole running through the middle. They have a flange at the front and back to make them easier to pull on and off.

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The box folds down into a mat, the mat features a top down view of a few snowy lit up houses surrounding a christmas tree with a bunch of presents at its base!

The windows that we'll be opening are arranged in 4 rows of six windows. No grouping instructions are provided, since each build is very small.

We don't want to spoil each day's surprise for you, so we'll put lots of ***s between each day. ,

The box should be oriented with the fold-out mat on the table. The windows themselves are decorated with a snowy mountain side, pine trees, and a house with lit up windows! The friends are running around playing with the animals, cooking marshmallows by the campfire, skiing, building a snowman, and camping in the igloo!

Let's get to building!

Day 1: (2nd row from the bottom of the leftmost column.)

Step 1

Locate 1 pair of legs printed with light blue pants and orange shoes, 1 torso printed with a light blue and dark blue long sleeved shirt with pink flowers, 1 yellow scarf, 1 light brown head printed with dark orange eyes, nose, dark red lips, and eyelashes, and 1 brown hair. Assemble your minifigure then place her in front of you.

Step 2

Let's make a part! Let's make a present! Place a purple 1x1 brick in front of you. Then place a magenta 1x1 round flower plate on top of the ppp.

Today, we made Alaya!

Day 2: (2nd row from the top of the 3rd column from the left.)

Step 1

Place a white 3x3 quarter circle plate in front of you so the curve faces the back right. Then place a silver 1x1 round tile printed with a 5 on the front left corner. Now place a white 2x2 quarter circle sloped curved tile on the front left corner, on top of the ppp so it slopes to the back right.

Step 2

Stack 2 brown 1x1 round bricks on the 2nd row from the front of the rightmost column. Then place a pink 1x1 brick with a side stud on top of the ppp so the side stud faces the right. Now horizontally place a light blue 2x4 tile printed with snow flakes and the word snowy trail upright on the right-facing side stud so it is centered horizontally and vertically on it.

Step 3

Let's make a part! Let's make a lantern! Place a transparent yellow 1x1 round brick in front of you. Then place a black 1x1 lantern on top of the ppp. Now place a gold pair of binoculars next to it!

Today, we made a sign!

Day 3: (Top right corner.)

Step 1

Place a red 2x2x2 cabinet in front of you so the opening faces the front. Now attach a red cabinet door to the front so it opens up and down.

Step 2

Vertically place a white 1x2 sloped curved brick on the left column so it slopes to the left. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

Today, we made a mail box!

Day 4: (2nd column from the left of the top row.)

Step 1

Place a white pony with tan hair printed with light blue eyes in front of you. Then attach a green stem to an orange carrot, then place it next to the pony!

Today, we made a pony and a carrot!

Day 5: (3rd column from the right of the 2nd row from the top.)

Step 1

Horizontally place a teal 2x3 plate in front of you. Then vertically place a red 1x2 plate with an upright bar underneath the leftmost column so the bar faces the left.

Step 2

Horizontally place a red 1x2 plate with 2 clips underneath the front right corner so the clips face the front. Then repeat symmetrically to the back.

Step 3

Horizontally attach a pink hockey stick to the front-facing clips so it is centered horizontally and the curved part is on the left and sticks up. Then repeat symmetrically to the back.

Step 4

Place a pink 2x2 tile on the 2 rightmost columns. Then vertically place a brown 1x2 panel with a middle wall to the left of the ppp so the middle wall faces the right.

Step 5

Place a gold bar holder with a handle on the leftmost top-facing bar so the handle is vertical. Now attach a red arm with 2 clips to the handle of the ppp so the other clip is on top and faces the top left.

Step 6

Attach the handle of a gold 1x1 round plate with a handle to the clip of the ppp so the round side faces the left.

Today, we made a sled!

Day 6: (3rd column from the left of the 2nd row from the bottom.)

Step 1

Place a white 3x3 quarter circle plate in front of you so the round side faces the front right. Then vertically place a white 1x2 hinge panel on the back left corner so the wall faces the left.

Step 2

Place a light grey 2x2 plate with a bar underneath on top of the ppp so it slopes to the right. Now horizontally place 2 transparent aqua 1x4 tiles, 1 in front of the other, on top of the ppp so they overhang 2 columns to the right.

Step 3

Let's make a part! Let's make the seal! Place a white seal printed with eyes and nose, mouth, and whiskers in front of you so the tail faces the right. Now place a red and white Santa hat on top of the seal!

Today, we made a ramp and a seal!

Day 7: (Bottom left corner.)

Step 1

Place a white 2x2 dome brick in front of you. Then place a white 1x1 brick with side studs on 4 sides on top of the ppp.

Step 2

Place a brown stem upright on the left-facing side stud. Then repeat symmetrically to the right. Now place a teal 1x1 heart tile upright on the front-facing side stud so the right corner faces down.

Step 3

Place a white head on top. Then place a black top hat on top of the ppp.

Today, we made a snowman!

Day 8: (2nd column from the right of the 2nd row from the bottom.)

Step 1

Locate 1 pair of legs printed with magenta pants and teal shoes, 1 torso printed with a purple long sleeve shirt printed with a teal and magenta scarf, 1 light tan head printed with green eyes, nose, lips, and eyelashes, and 1 teal hat printed with tan hair. Assemble your minifigure then put her in front of you.

Step 2

Let's make a part! Let's make a present! Place a pink 1x1 brick in front of you. Then place a red 1x1 round flower plate on top of the ppp.

Today, we made Nova!

Day 9: (3rd column from the left of the bottom row.)

Step 1

Horizontally place a white 2x3 plate in front of you. Then vertically place a red 1x2 tile with 2 pinholes on the leftmost column.

Step 2

Let's make a part! Let's make the catapult! Vertically place a white pin connector with 2 bar holders in front of you so the pinhole faces the left and right. Then insert a tan 2L pin into the left-facing pinhole.

Step 3

Insert the bar of a black pot into the back-facing bar hole so the hollow side faces up.

Step 4

Insert the bar of a gold 1x1 round plate with a bar into the front-facing bar hole so the stud faces up. Then place a pink 1x1 round tile on top of the ppp.

Step 5

Insert the left-facing pin of your part to the top right-facing pinhole. Now locate 3 white 1x1 round bricks. You can place these inside the pot and launch them out by pressing down on the 1x1 round tile.

Today, we made a snow ball catapult!

Day 10: (Top left corner.)

Step 1

Locate 2 red skis and place them in front of you. Then place 2 gold ski sticks next to them!

Today, we made a skiing set!

Day 11: (2nd column from the left of the 2nd row from the top.)

Step 1

Place a white baby bear printed with light blue eyes and snout in front of you. Then place a white and red Santa hat on top of its head!

Step 2

Let's make a part! Let's make ice cream! Place a tan 1x1 ice cream cone in front of you. Then place a pink 1x1 swirl on top of the ppp.

Today, we made a baby bear and an ice cream!

Day 12: (2nd column from the right of the 2nd row from the bottom.)

Step 1

Horizontally place a white 2x6 plate with a round side in front of you so the round side faces the front. Then place a light blue 2x2 tile with a stud on top so it is centered horizontally.

Step 2

Place a transparent aqua 2x2x2 corner slope brick on the 2 leftmost columns so it slopes to the front left. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

Step 3

Horizontally place a transparent 1x2x2 sloped curved brick on the leftmost column so it slopes to the left and overhangs 1 column to the right. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

Today, we made an igloo!

Day 13: (3rd column from the right of the top row.)

Note that today, there are some pieces that are the same but different color.

Step 1

Horizontally place a pink 2x3 plate with a 1x1 gap in front of you so the gap is in the front. Then horizontally place a white 1x3 plate on the back row. Now place a white 1x1 plate on the front left corner. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

Step 2

Place a brown 1x1 brick with a bottom lip and side stud on the back row so it is centered horizontally and the side stud faces the back. Now place a light brown 1x1 double slope brick on top of the ppp so it slopes to the left and right.

Step 3

Vertically place a light brown 1x2 hinge panel on the leftmost column so the wall faces the right. Then place a white 2x2 plate with a bar underneath on top of the ppp so it overhangs 1 column to the right and slopes to the left. Then repeat both parts symmetrically to the right.

Step 4

Place a transparent red 1x1 round plate on the back left corner. Then place a transparent green 1x1 round plate to the right of the ppp. Now place a transparent red 1x1 round plate in front of the ppp. Then place a transparent green 1x1 round plate to the left of the ppp.

Step 5

Place a transparent green 1x1 round plate on the back right corner. Then place a transparent red 1x1 round plate to the left of the ppp. Now place a transparent green 1x1 round plate in front of the ppp. Then place a transparent red 1x1 round plate to the right of the ppp.

Step 6

Let's make a part! Let's make a bunny! Place a tan bunny printed with eyes and teeth in front of you so the ears face the back. Then place a white and red Santa hat on top of its head!

Today, we made a gingerbread house!

Day 14: (Leftmost column of the 2nd row from the top.)

Note that today, there are some pieces that are the same but different color.

Step 1

Place a white 4x4 round plate in front of you. Then horizontally place a white 1x2 brick with a pinhole on the front row so it is centered horizontally. Now place a green 1x1 round flower plate on the left column of the ppp. Then place a red 1x1 round flower plate to the right of the ppp.

Step 2

Let's make a part! Horizontally place a light grey 2x4 plate with a pinhole underneath in front of you. Then insert a yellow 2L pin into the front-facing pinhole.

Step 3

Horizontally place a light blue 2x3 plate with a round side and a pinhole on the 2 leftmost columns so the round side overhangs 1 column to the left. Then place a pink 2x2 round tile with a stud on the 2 leftmost columns of the ppp so the round side aligns with the round side of the plate. Then repeat both parts symmetrically to the right.

Step 4

Insert the pin of your part into the back-facing pinhole of the previous part.

Today, we made a see-saw!

Day 15: (Rightmost column of the 2nd row from the bottom.)

Step 1

Place a white cat printed with eyes, pink nose, and whiskers in front of you. Then place a white and red Santa hat on top of its head! Now place a light purple ball next to it!

Today, we made a cat with a ball!

Day 16: (3rd column from the right of the bottom row.)

Step 1

Place a white 4x4 round plate in front of you. Then place a teal 2x2 tile with a stud on top so it is centered.

Step 2

Vertically place a white 1x2 slope brick on the leftmost column so it is centered vertically and slopes to the left. Then horizontally place a transparent 1x2x2 sloped curved brick on top of the ppp so it overhangs 1 column to the right and slopes to the left. Now repeat both parts symmetrically to the right.

Today, we made an igloo!

Day 17: (2nd column from the left of the bottom row.)

Step 1

Locate 1 pair of legs printed with pink pants, red knees, and blue pockets, 1 torso printed with a pink and blue long sleeve shirt, 1 light tan head printed with dark red eyes, nose, pink lips, and eyelashes, and 1 black hair. Assemble your minifigure and place her in front of you.

Step 2

Place a silver 1x1 skate underneath each of her feet so the curved ends face the front.

Step 3

Let's make a part! Let's make a present! Place a light blue 1x1 brick in front of you. Then place a light yellow 1x1 round flower plate on top of the ppp.

Today, we made Emma!

Day 18: (3rd column from the left of the top row.)

Step 1

Place a white 4x4 round plate in front of you. Then place a transparent aqua 2x2 round brick on top so it is centered. Now horizontally place 1 bar of a transparent aqua snowflake into the axle hole of the ppp.

Today, we made a snowflake!

Day 19: (2nd column from the left of the 2nd row from the bottom.)

Note that today, there are some pieces that are the same but different color.

Step 1

Horizontally place a light yellow 2x4 plate in front of you. Then vertically place a light brown 1x2 log brick underneath the leftmost column. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

Step 2

Vertically place a pink 1x2 rounded plate on the 2nd column from the left. Then place a tan 1x1 round tile printed with white frosting and pink sprinkles on the front row of the ppp. Now place a light brown 1x1 round tile printed with a pie behind the ppp.

Step 3

Place a pink 1x1 mug on the front right corner so the handle faces the right. Then place another 1 on the back row of the 2nd column from the right so the handle faces the back.

Step 4

Place a red 1x1 round brick on the back left corner. Then place a white 1x1 round brick on top of the ppp.

Step 5

Place a white 1x1 round brick on the back right corner. Then place a red 1x1 round brick on top of the ppp.

Step 6

Horizontally place a light brown 1x4 arch brick on top of the back row. Now place a light blue 2x2 corner slope brick on the 2 leftmost columns of the ppp so it overhangs 1 row to the front and slopes to the front left. Then repeat symmetrically to the right. Now horizontally place a white 1x2 tile with a round side on top of the 2 ppp so the round side faces the front.

Today, we made a snack table!

Day 20: (2nd column from the right of the bottom row.)

Note that today, there are some pieces that are the same but different color.

Step 1

Horizontally place a light yellow 2x4 plate in front of you. Then vertically place a light brown 1x2 log brick underneath the leftmost column. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

Step 2

Place a white 1x1 cone brick on the front left corner. Then horizontally place a light grey 1x3 jumper plate to the right of the ppp. Now repeat both parts symmetrically to the back.

Step 3

Place a red 1x1 round tile with an upright bar on the front left corner. Then place a brown 1x1 round tile with an upright bar behind the ppp. These are ketchup and barbeque sauce!

Step 4

Place a light grey 2x2 round plate on the 2 1x3 jumper plates. Then place a tan 2x2 round tile on top of the ppp.

Today, we made a cooking table!

Day 21: (2nd column from the right of the top row.)

Note that today, there are some pieces that are the same but different color.

Step 1

Horizontally place a pink 2x3 plate in front of you. Then vertically place a light brown 1x2 log brick underneath the leftmost column. Then repeat symmetrically to the right.

Step 2

Place a teal 1x1 quarter circle tile on the front left corner so the curve faces the back right. Then place a gold 1x1 faucet on the front right corner so the handle faces the right. Then repeat symmetrically to the back.

Step 3

Insert the stud of a pink 1x1 round brick into the front right-facing handle so the anti-stud faces the back. Then repeat symmetrically to the back using a teal 1x1 round brick. This is wrapping paper!

Step 4

Let's make a part! Let's make a present! Horizontally place a pink 1x2 plate in front of you. Then horizontally place a white 1x2 plate on top of the ppp. Now horizontally place a pink 1x2 jumper plate on top of the ppp. Then place a white 1x1 flower on top of the ppp.

Step 5

Let's make a part! Let's make another present! Horizontally place a teal 1x2 plate in front of you. Then horizontally place a white 1x2 plate on top of the ppp. Now horizontally place a teal 1x2 jumper plate on top of the ppp. Then place a white 1x1 flower on top of the ppp.

Step 6

Place a gold pair of scissors next to your presents!

Today, we made a gift making table and presents!

Day 22: (3rd column from the right of the 2nd row from the bottom.)

Step 1

Place a brown 3x3 cross-shaped plate in front of you. Then place a transparent orange 1x1 round plate on top so it is centered. Now place a transparent orange candle flame on top of the ppp.

Step 2

Let's make 3 identical parts! Let's make the seats! Place a brown 2x2 round plate in front of you. Then place a light purple 2x2 round tile on top of the ppp. Now you should have 3 identical parts! Place them around the campfire!

Step 3

Let's make 3 identical parts! Let's make marshmallows! Place a white 1x1 round plate on top of a teal 4L bar so the stud faces up. Now you should have 3 identical parts! Place them around the campfire!

Today, we made a campfire with seats and marshmallows!

Day 23: (Rightmost column of the 2nd row from the top.)

Note that today, there are some pieces that are the same but different color.

Step 1

Place a white 2x2 round tile with a stud in front of you. Then place a brown 1x1 round brick on top of the ppp. Now place a green 2x2 round plate with leaves on top of the ppp so it is centered on it.

Step 2

Place a light blue 1x1 round plate on the front left corner. Then repeat symmetrically to the back right corner. Now place a red 1x1 round plate on the front right corner. Then repeat symmetrically to the back left corner.

Step 3

Place a white 2x2 round plate with leaves on top.

Step 4

Place a light blue 1x1 round plate on the front right corner. Then repeat symmetrically to the back left corner. Now place a red 1x1 round plate on the front left corner. Then repeat symmetrically to the back right corner.

Step 5

Place a white 2x2x2 cone brick on top. Now insert the bar of a gold 1x1 round plate with a bar into the stud of the ppp so the stud faces the front. Now place a gold 1x1 star upright on the front-facing side stud of the ppp.

Today, we made a snowy tree!

Day 24: (Bottom right corner.)

Step 1

Place an open suitcase in front of you. Then place a light grey 1x1 round tile inside it, then close it. Now place a purple 1x2 tile printed with a passport next to it!

Step 2

Let's make a part! Let's make the penguin! Place a black and white penguin printed with eyes and an orange nose in front of you. Then place a white and red Santa hat on top of its head!

Step 3

Let's make a part! Let's make a present! Place a transparent aqua 1x1 brick in front of you. Then place a transparent yellow 1x1 flower on top of the ppp.

Today, we made a penguin, suitcase, present, and a passport!

Thank you so much for building this set!

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