

# THANKFUL FRIEND CRAFT

This fun craft was originally posted on the ParentLife blog. Share it with families in your ministry!

This cute friend—like an Advent calendar in reverse—will help you remember to thank God during this busy season. Use the note paper “patches” on his hat to write down great things that happen, names of people, and other things your family is thankful for. Slide the patches in the open envelope behind that hat. Then, during Thanksgiving, pull out the patches and reflect on all God has done for you this month—and every day of your life.

## WHAT YOU NEED

- 6” by 9” vertical mailing envelope
- Colored or scrapbook paper in fall shades
- Rick rack or narrow ribbon in fall shades
- 2 large buttons
- Red permanent marker or paint pen
- 3 clothes pins
- 3 heavyweight magnets
- Craft glue, glue dots, or hot glue (use adult supervision)
- Scissors

## WHAT YOU DO

- Place the mailing envelope, flap up, on your work surface.
- Cut ribbon or rick rack into 2” to 3” pieces. You’ll need about 20 pieces.
- Cut a hat out of paper, at least 6” wide and 3” tall.
- Cut two sleeves out of paper.
- Cut or punch several patches out of paper.
- Glue hair along the flap fold line. Glue the hat along the top edge of the hair and onto the flap.
- Glue straw onto the sleeves, then glue the sleeves onto the side of the envelope.
- Glue buttons for eyes.
- Draw a “stitched” smile.
- Glue magnets onto the back of the clothes pins.
- Clip two clothes pins on the bottom for legs.
- Clip one clothes pin to the hat to hold the paper patches.

