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# **HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN GARLAND /**

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## MATERIALS

- OH JOY! for Target Falalalala garland
- OH JOY! for Target Cookie bags (2-3 packages)
- Bright pink cardstock by Neenah Astrobrights Cardstock 65lb from amazon.com. [http://www.amazon.com/dp/B003A216T2/ref=sr\\_ph?ie=UTF8&qid=1415904639&sr=1&keywords=astrobrights](http://www.amazon.com/dp/B003A216T2/ref=sr_ph?ie=UTF8&qid=1415904639&sr=1&keywords=astrobrights)
- Scissors or a craft knife and ruler
- 1" Mini wood clothespins from michaels.com. [http://www.michaels.com/creatology-tiny-wood-clothespins/M10261442.html?dwvar\\_M10261442\\_color=Wood#q=clothespins&start=1](http://www.michaels.com/creatology-tiny-wood-clothespins/M10261442.html?dwvar_M10261442_color=Wood#q=clothespins&start=1)
- Martha Stewart Crafts Paint in Pink Dahlia from michaels.com. [http://www.michaels.com/msc-satin-acrylic-craft-paint/M10198119.html?dwvar\\_M10198119\\_color=Scallion#q=pink+dahlia&start=1](http://www.michaels.com/msc-satin-acrylic-craft-paint/M10198119.html?dwvar_M10198119_color=Scallion#q=pink+dahlia&start=1)
- Small paintbrush
- 1 package of white number stickers by Recollections from Michael's (available in store)
- 1/2" Gold polka dot stickers from Layercakeshop.com. <http://www.layercakeshop.com/collections/packaging-stickers-labels/products/gold-polka-dot-stickers>
- Gold star trim from Papermart.com

## BUILD

1. Paint all sides of 24 mini clothespins using a small brush and the pink dahlia craft paint. Set aside to fully dry. Apply a second coat if needed.
2. Attach a gold polka dot sticker to one side of the top of a mini clothespin by centering it and pressing gently. Then attach another circle sticker to the backside aligned to the first, and press firmly to secure. The sticker pair will be attached to only one side of the top of the clothespin as shown. Repeat with all 24 clothespins.
3. With Scissors or a craft knife and ruler cut a 1.5" x 6" strip of pink cardstock. Cut a v-shape as shown from one end of the strip. Repeat to make 24 strips. Apply number stickers 1-24 on the edge near the v-shape as shown.
4. Fill bags with treats and small toys and fold over. String up the Falalalala banner securely. Layer a strip over the front side of the bag and attach the clothespin to the top corner. Then beginning with number 24, layer the bags as shown so that the numbers can be seen.

## STYLE NOTE

As an alternative to using number stickers you can hand-write them, or print numbers and cut them out. Small gifts, light toys and treats work best with the mini-clothespins. For heavier gifts a larger stronger clothespin will keep the bag from slipping free from the ribbon. Packed away carefully in a box you can re-use this garland for many years.

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Happy Crafting!  
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