

# Grateful Garland

This easy-to-make paper garland will spruce up any holiday tree, fireplace mantle, or doorway and doubles as a clever (and gratifying) way to count down to Santa's arrival.



Photos by Thomas Gotsch

## Suggested Materials:

- ❄ Construction paper
- ❄ Tape
- ❄ Scissors
- ❄ Crayons, markers, or glitter pens (optional)

## Instructions:

- ❄ Cut out 25 strips of construction paper in various colors, with help from an adult.
- ❄ On each strip, write something you (and your family) are thankful for this season. Use glitter pens and fancy lettering for extra flare.
- ❄ Tape the strips together to form loops in a chain.
- ❄ Each day of the month, beginning on December 1, snip off one loop and "count" your family's blessings.



## Make it Sweeter:

In place of plain construction paper, use candy buttons on paper strips (aim for eight candies per strip, when you cut). Each loop in this sugary garland contains an edible reminder of Santa's upcoming visit. Now, that's worth the wait!

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