

Countdown  
to  
Christmas  
Santa's  
Beard

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**Countdown To Christmas Santa Craftivity**



# Directions for Santa's beard

Make one for your classroom and choose a different student each day to pull a cotton ball a part and then glue-dot to the appropriate number day.

You can also run off a class set for your kiddo's to fill in. I printed mine on flesh-tone construction paper.

Have children color their Santa and cut it out.

The Dollar Store sells a bag of 100 to 200 cotton balls. I pre-cut them in half; this gives me a double amount of balls and is still plenty "fluffy" for Santa's beard.



To make this an easy independent center, keep a TV tray set up with a container of cotton balls + Elmer's glue.

When students have glued on the "daily" cotton ball, have them set Santa aside to dry. When they are dry, put them back in student's cubbies, work folders or a basket, so children have easy access the next day.

So that Santa's beard is filled in, remind students to pull apart their cotton ball before they glue it on Santa's beard. The best way to make sure this sinks in, is to show 2 examples: 1 with a nice fluffy "real" looking beard that was pulled apart, and one that just has a cotton ball plopped on a circle. Ask them which Santa looks better. Ask them to repeat the directions. This really helped my Y5's follow directions whenever we worked with cotton ball crafts.

Students can complete their Santa on the last day before break, or take some cotton balls home to finish gluing as day's pass. So you can teach the fact that the month of December has 31 days, I've included 31 circles on one master. So that students can readily see that Christmas is the 25th, have them circle it with a green crayon, or you can opt to have them just do 24 cotton balls and countdown that way, using that Santa master.

You can also use this poem that I revamped from Alison over at [copsydaisy.com](http://copsydaisy.com)

Santa's beard is very bare. On his chin, there is no hair.

Add a cotton puff of white;

When it's full, he'll come that night!"



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<http://bit.ly/1yAmZS4>

Make your sample and attach it  
to your picture.

Read the poem and share your  
completed Santa with your  
class, to help explain to them,  
what you want them to do.

I've put 3 on a page in case you  
want to give your kiddos a copy  
as well.

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This is Alison's Santa. She simply  
has 25 cotton balls that they glue  
on their Santa.

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