

# DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

**YOU'LL NEED:** 1 X MDF Days Before Christmas Kit, Kraftex Creative Cracks, Kraftex Seal Coat, 3 x paint colours - we used light green, white and gold, 2 x foam brushes or 1 foam brush and a roller, plastic cup, craft knife or sandpaper, wood glue or epoxy glue, embellishments like pearls, stickers and a wooden star, a black pen or black paint (for the numbers).



**STEP ONE:** Use either a roller or foam brush to paint all the wooden pieces. You'll need to do two coats. Dry. Gently break the wooden pieces apart for the numbers and either use a craft knife or sand off the tabs that are sticking out. Fix up any exposed MDF with paint.



**STEP TWO:** Paint a thinish layer of Creative Cracks over the tree, except for the base.



**STEP THREE:** Wait a few minutes for the Creative Cracks to become tacky but not dry and then gently paint over the top with white. Use brush strokes in a downward motion, in layers so it looks like the layers of a tree. As the Creative Cracks dries you will see the white paint start to separate. Allow to dry. Glue the base in place. Dry.



**STEP FOUR:** Brush some gold paint on to the tips of the tree, the base and over the number rectangles. Also the star. Dry. Paint numbers on to the rectangles. Dry. Pour some Seal Coat in to a clean plastic cup and paint the Seal Coat over the whole tree and numbers. Seal Coat is a mineral based 'varnish' and will protect your piece. Dry. Screw in the hooks for the numbers. Embellish with pearls on the tips of the tree, stickers and a gold painted star at the top.