



“Every year, [Katie] and her parents made paper chains to count down the days from Thanksgiving to Christmas, and on each little strip, they wrote something they were thankful for. Every night after that, they’d each take a link off their chain and read them to each other.”

*What you need:*

Size 8.5x11 inch paper of any color

Scissors

Stapler or tape

Pens, pencils, or markers

Your family and friends

*What to do:*

1. Open this pdf on your computer and select print. Make sure the “scale” is set to 100% your strips will be the same size.

2. Print as many links as you want by changing the settings to print only page two. Remember, the second page has six links on it, so divide how many links you want to end up with by six and then enter that number into the print settings. (If you want to print out the instruction page as well as the strips, print only one copy of the whole document.)

3. Cut out the thankful chain links.

4. Write what you are thankful for on the links.

Be creative! You can be thankful for anything, no matter how big or how small!

5. Take one of your links and curl it around until both ends are slightly overlapping and it makes a circle with the words inside. Using a stapler or some tape, secure the ends of the link together. Next, take another link and loop one end through the previous link, and then close by overlapping it on itself slightly. Secure it with tape or a stapler.

6. Keep making the chain by looping and overlapping the links. If you have different colors, it could be cool to make a pattern or design.

7. Each day, you and your friends and family can undo the links of the chain and share what you are thankful for. You can count down to anything you like, and share what you are thankful for with anyone you love.

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