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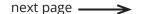
- 12 big balloons
- 12 small slips of paper
- markers
- tape
- Sharpie[®]



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Instructions:

- 1. Decide on twelve simple, quick setup activities that you want to do during your celebration. Examples might include a dance party, play a game, have a special treat, watch a countdown, etc.
- 2. Write down one activity on each slip of paper.
- 3. Fold the paper and slip inside each of the balloons.
- 4. Blow up the balloons.
- 5. Write number 1-12 on each balloon with the Sharpie[®]. Number 1 will be your first activity and number 12 will be your last. Keep a list of which activity is in which balloon so you know what to expect.
- 6. Tape the balloons on the wall. You can hang them in a big circle so that it looks like a clock.





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How to use the balloon countdown?

- 1. Decide what increments you will pop your balloons. Depending on your family and the simple activities you have planned, you may choose to start at any time on New Year's Eve and continue to celebrate throughout the day.
- 2. Take turns popping balloons and doing an activity until all of your balloons are popped.

Happy New Year!