# Santa's candy cane hunt: setup sheet



1. **Hide the new book first.** Slide it in between the books on a low shelf. The last card goes with it.
2. **Use the order below.** It follows the story, so keep the cards in this order.
3. **Hide each card where the card before it sends them.** The grey strip on every card says where the next card goes.
4. **Hand over the first card and cheer.** Little ones need you right beside them.

## The order

| | Card | Hide it here |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ | **Start card** | **Hand it over to start the hunt** |
| ☐ | **Clue 1: leads to the chair** | **Hand it over with the start card** |
| ☐ | **Clue 2: leads to the window sill** | **Chair, on the seat** |
| ☐ | **Clue 3: leads to the sock drawer** | **Window, on a low sill, window closed** |
| ☐ | **Clue 4: leads to the boots** | **Inside the sock drawer** |
| ☐ | **Clue 5: leads to the Christmas tree** | **Inside one of the boots** |
| ☐ | **Clue 6: leads to the toy box** | **Christmas tree, under the branches, by the pot** |
| ☐ | **Clue 7: leads to the coat pocket** | **Toy box, on the lid** |
| ☐ | **Clue 8: leads to the bookshelf** | **Coat, inside a pocket** |
| ☐ | **Last card** | **Bookshelf, between the books, with the new book** |



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cut

Cut along the dashed lines. Hide each card where the card before it sends them.

## A note from Santa



Ho ho, hello! It's Santa. One Christmas Eve,
a girl ran after my balloon. Can you believe?
Now follow my rhymes. There are eight, one by one,
and a present waits at the end. What fun!

**To:** _____

**Clue 1**

That night, she sat out on a bench in the snow.
It turned to an ice cube! Brrr! Where should she go?

**Stuck? Try this one:**

Four legs and a back, by the table inside.
Look on its seat, where my clue likes to hide!

For grown-ups: this card leads to the chair. Hide the next card on the seat.

**Clue 2**

She spotted my red balloon, sailing up high.
Where in your house can you look at the sky?

**Stuck? Try this one:**

It's made out of glass, and it keeps out the snow.
Look on its ledge, where the clue's waiting, down low!

For grown-ups: this card leads to the window sill. Hide the next card on a low sill, window closed.

**Clue 3**

A candy cane swung from my balloon, red and white.
What else can be stripy, and hug your feet tight?

**Stuck? Try this one:**

They sleep in a drawer, rolled up two by two.
Open the sock drawer! A clue waits for you.

For grown-ups: this card leads to the sock drawer. Hide the next card inside the sock drawer.

**Clue 4**

She ran for the Golden Mountains, all through the snow.
What would keep YOUR toes dry, wherever you go?

**Stuck? Try this one:**

They stand by the door in a pair, left and right.
Look inside one, down in the toe, out of sight!

For grown-ups: this card leads to the boots. Hide the next card inside one of the boots.

**Clue 5**

Gold bubbles came out of my balloon, round and bright,
like ornaments. Where do yours hang, full of light?

**Stuck? Try this one:**

It's green all December, with a star on its top.
Look under its branches, by the pot. That's your stop!

For grown-ups: this card leads to the Christmas tree. Hide the next card under the branches, by the pot. On the floor by the pot, away from the lights and the cables.



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**Clue 6**

**My snowmen sing songs while they make all the toys,**
**in a place that's a secret. Shh! Don't make a noise!**

**Stuck? Try this one:**

**Where do your own toys go to sleep for the night?**
**Look on the lid of their box, not inside. That's right!**

For grown-ups: this card leads to the toy box. Hide the next card on the lid. Not inside, because lids can slam.

**Clue 7**

**I once pulled a whole sleigh from a pocket so small!**
**How did it fit? I won't tell you at all!**

**Stuck? Try this one:**

**You zip it up tight when you go out to play.**
**Check in its pockets! Your clue's tucked away.**

For grown-ups: this card leads to the coat pocket. Hide the next card inside a pocket.

**Clue 8**

**I gave her a present, a little glass box.**
**Yours is a story, and it's not in a box!**

**Stuck? Try this one:**

**Where do your books stand up, side by side, in a row?**
**Look in between them, on a shelf that is low!**

For grown-ups: this card leads to the bookshelf. Hide the next card between the books.

**Last card**



**You found the book!**

**You found it! You followed my rhymes to the end,**
**as brave as that girl in the snow, my friend!**

**Now snuggle up close for a story or two.**
**Ho ho! Merry Christmas from me to you!**

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## Super Sleuth Award

This certificate goes to

_____

for solving every clue in the candy cane hunt

**Date:** _____

**Clue ____**

**Tricky clue**

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_____

draw it

**Easy clue**

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For grown-ups: this card leads to _____. Hide the next card _____.



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