

Heart's Content Farmhouse

The Season

Write in the dates. Start with Thanksgiving week.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT

The Plan



THESE HAVE A DEADLINE

DONE	WHAT	DATE
☐	Order personalized or handmade gifts	
☐	Order photo cards	
☐	Mail packages overseas	
☐	Mail packages in the U.S.	
☐	Mail cards	
☐	Last day to order online	
☐	Main dish into the fridge to thaw	
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WEEK BY WEEK

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

- ☐ Get out the decorations
- ☐ Test the lights
- ☐ Start the gift list
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER

- ☐ Put up the tree
- ☐ Buy cards and stamps
- ☐ Pick what to bake
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

SECOND WEEK

- ☐ Mail packages
- ☐ Mail cards
- ☐ Bake what keeps
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

THIRD WEEK

- ☐ Plan the menus
- ☐ Buy pantry food
- ☐ Check the thaw date
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

CHRISTMAS WEEK

- ☐ Buy fresh food
- ☐ Main dish into the fridge
- ☐ Bake what doesn't keep
- ☐ Wrap
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Gifts

NAME	GIFT	BUDGET	SPENT	ORDERED	ARRIVED	WRAPPED	HIDDEN WHERE
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Total ______________

EASY TO FORGET

NAME	GIFT	BUDGET	SPENT	ORDERED	ARRIVED	WRAPPED	HIDDEN WHERE
Teacher				☐	☐	☐	
Mail carrier				☐	☐	☐	
Host				☐	☐	☐	
Neighbor				☐	☐	☐	
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				☐	☐	☐	

Cards and Packages

CARDS

How many _____ Stamps _____ Mail by _____

Addresses to get

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

PACKAGES

TO	WHAT	CARRIER	SHIP BY	SENT
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Baking



RECIPE	BATCHES	FOR	KEEPS	BAKE ON	DONE
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HOW LONG IT KEEPS

In a tin at room temperature

Fruitcake	1 month or more
Toffee and brittle	2 to 3 weeks
Biscotti	2 weeks
Gingerbread	2 weeks
Shortbread	2 weeks
Fudge	1 to 2 weeks
Cut-out sugar cookies	1 week
Drop cookies	3 to 5 days
Bars and brownies	3 to 4 days
Anything with cream cheese	3 to 4 days, in the fridge

HOW MUCH TO BUY

ITEM	NEED	HAVE	BUY
Butter			
Flour			
Sugar			
Brown sugar			
Powdered sugar			
Eggs			
Chocolate			
Nuts			

Menus



CHRISTMAS EVE

Eat at _____ People _____

DISH	RECIPE	COOKS IN	TEMP	MAKE AHEAD	WHO BRINGS IT
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CHRISTMAS MORNING

Eat at _____ People _____

DISH	RECIPE	COOKS IN	TEMP	MAKE AHEAD	WHO BRINGS IT
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CHRISTMAS DINNER

Eat at _____ People _____

DISH	RECIPE	COOKS IN	TEMP	MAKE AHEAD	WHO BRINGS IT
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Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Write in the times. Work back from when you eat.

CHRISTMAS EVE

TIME	WHAT
	Check that the main dish is thawed
	Set out what breakfast needs

CHRISTMAS DAY

TIME	WHAT
	Breakfast in the oven
	Main dish out of the fridge
	Oven on
	Main dish in
	Main dish out to rest
	Sides in
	Make the gravy
	Warm the rolls
	Carve
	Eat

MAIN DISH

What _____

Weight _____

Into the fridge _____

Into the oven _____

ROASTING AT 325°F

Turkey, not stuffed

8 to 12 lb	2¾ to 3 hr
12 to 14 lb	3 to 3¾ hr
14 to 18 lb	3¾ to 4¼ hr
18 to 20 lb	4¼ to 4½ hr
20 to 24 lb	4½ to 5 hr

Done at 165°F

Ham, fully cooked

Whole, bone-in	15 to 18 min per lb
Half, bone-in	18 to 24 min per lb
Spiral-cut	10 to 18 min per lb

Done at 140°F

Beef rib roast

Bone-in	23 to 25 min per lb
Boneless	28 to 33 min per lb

Done at 145°F, then rest

THAWING

In the fridge: 1 day for every 4 to 5 lb

Times and temperatures are from the USDA.



Shopping



NOW

- [ ] Wrapping paper
- [ ] Tape
- [ ] Gift tags
- [ ] Stamps
- [ ] Batteries
- [ ] Flour
- [ ] Sugar
- [ ] Butter

THE WEEK BEFORE

- [ ] Main dish
- [ ] Potatoes
- [ ] Onions
- [ ] Eggs
- [ ] Drinks

THE LAST TWO DAYS

- [ ] Cream
- [ ] Fresh herbs
- [ ] Salad greens
- [ ] Rolls
- [ ] Ice

NEXT YEAR

We ran out of _____

Make less of _____

The decorations are in _____