



Christmas 'To Do' List

Done

Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
2nd	3rd	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
9th	10th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd
16th	17th	24th Boxing Day	25th Christmas Day	26th	27th	28th

I always make a separate calendar for December. I have made one for you to download from the website. I plan in advance when I am getting my food delivered, when I am going to buy the tree, social engagements etc. There is so much going on in December, it won't fit on our regular family calendar!

Christmas food



Order this well in advance. Book a slot to have it all delivered at a convenient time. I have a big shop a few days before, a smaller shop one or two days before for fresh ingredients and a shop to come between Christmas and New year. I plan it all in advance so it all comes like clockwork and I don't need to think about it.

Use the lists on the website or create your own.

Don't forget to save your lists so you can re-use them next year!

Decorations



Sort through decorations - throw away any tatty ones and buy a few new ones. I don't like lots of clutter so I like to make the house feel festive with Christmas cushions and throws.



Buy wrapping paper and cards

A quick and easy way to do this is to add it to your weekly supermarket shop and buy it all in one go.

If you want to be more creative (and have time!) buy brown paper and a festive stamp and make your own.

	Christmas Tree	I like a real tree. I buy it in plenty of time and keep it in the garden until I am ready to put it up. When I buy it, I cut off the end and stand it in water to keep it fresh.	
Baking		I like to bake tonnes of cookies for Christmas. I plan my baking in advance and bake a different type of cookie each week in the lead up to Christmas. It means we always have festive treats to offer people or take as gifts and, with advanced planning, does not take up too much time.	
Presents	I keep a list of who I have bought for and what I have bought them. It makes it easier to keep track. It also helps to look back and see what I have bought them in previous years. I do this well in advance and try to do all my shopping online in one or two sittings.		