

Before Christmas To-Do List

🏠 Home & Decorations

- Put up the Christmas tree
- Hang lights (indoors & outdoors)
- Decorate with ornaments, garlands, and wreaths
- Do a winter clean-up (declutter & tidy before guests)

🎁 Gifts & Cards

- Make a gift list (family, friends, coworkers)
- Set a gift budget
- Shop for gifts (in-store or online)
- Wrap presents early
- Write and send Christmas cards
- Mail gifts in time for delivery deadlines

🍪 Food & Entertaining

- Plan Christmas dinner menu
- Shop for non-perishable ingredients early
- Bake cookies or treats

🎵 Festive Spirit

- Make a Christmas playlist or queue up holiday movies
- Attend a local Christmas market or event
- Draw family photos or Christmas portraits
- Schedule a “baking day” or “gift wrapping day”
- Donate to a local charity or toy drive

👤 Personal & Family

- Knit ugly sweaters
- Plan a relaxing evening for yourself
- Reflect on the year and set goals for the new one

6-Week Christmas Prep

Week 1 (Nov 10–16): Decorations & Early Shopping + Get Organized & Plan

🌲 **Focus:** Home setup + early gifts + Planning, lists, budgeting

- ☐ Set a **holiday budget** for gifts, food, and décor
- ☐ Write a **gift list** — include sizes, ideas, and spending limits
- ☐ Check what decorations and wrapping supplies you already have
- ☐ Schedule time off work and school for the holidays
- ☐ Mark key delivery and mailing deadlines on your calendar



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- ☐ **Put up outdoor lights** (before it gets too cold)
- ☐ Begin shopping for major or custom gifts (especially online orders)
- ☐ Draw Family Photo for Christmas Cards
- ☐ Buy Advent Calendar

6-Week Christmas Prep

Week 2 (Nov 17–23): Indoor Decorating & More Shopping

🏠 **Focus:** Create the festive atmosphere

- ☐ Put up your Christmas tree and indoor décor
- ☐ Start **wrapping gifts** you already have
- ☐ Finish shopping for most gifts
- ☐ Begin planning your Christmas dinner menu
- ☐ Clean and declutter shared spaces

Week 3 (Nov 24–30): Gift Wrapping & Cards

📦 **Focus:** Gifts and mailings

- ☐ Write **Christmas cards**
- ☐ Wrap and label gifts
- ☐ Begin buying pantry staples and drinks for the holidays

Week 4 (Dec 1–7): Food Prep & Finishing Touches

🍪 **Focus:** Kitchen and Christmas activities

- ☐ Finalize your Christmas menu and grocery list
- ☐ Start **baking cookies**
- ☐ Attend a Christmas market or holiday event for fun
- ☐ Listen to Christmas Songs

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Week 5 (Dec 8–14): Social & Giving Back

♥ **Focus:** Community, connections, and calm

- ☐ Donate to a charity or toy drive
- ☐ Host or attend a small holiday get-together



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Week 6 (Dec 15–21): Final Prep & Enjoy

☀ **Focus:** Relax and celebrate

- ☐ Send Christmas cards
- ☐ Do final grocery shopping (fresh items)
- ☐ Cook or prep dishes for Christmas Eve/Day
- ☐ Watch your **favorite holiday movies**
- ☐ Christmas Eve: lay out stockings, light candles