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Your Christmas preparation checklist

01 Make room for your Christmas

- [ ] Choose three things you most want to enjoy this Christmas.
- [ ] List your gatherings, likely guests and any travel or overnight stays.
- [ ] Set a total budget, then allow for gifts, food, travel and decorations.
- [ ] Agree who is hosting each occasion and what help would be welcome.

02 Gather the details

- [ ] Check dates with guests and note when you need their replies.
- [ ] Ask about dietary needs and practical access or sleeping arrangements.
- [ ] Make a gift list with a spending limit and ideas for each person.
- [ ] Check what you already own before buying decorations or supplies.
- [ ] Check current delivery and postal cutoffs with your chosen services.

03 Bring the lists together

- [ ] Choose a manageable menu and save the recipes you plan to use.
- [ ] Compare ingredients with your cupboards, fridge and freezer space.
- [ ] Split shopping into buy-ahead items and a separate fresh-food list.
- [ ] Book any deliveries, travel or collection slots you need.
- [ ] Give helpers a clear task, due date and a way to confirm it is done.

04 Prepare for your gathering

- [ ] Confirm guest numbers, arrival plans and what each person is bringing.
- [ ] Write a preparation order from your recipes; check oven and hob space.
- [ ] Check recipe instructions and current official food-safety guidance.
- [ ] Set out serving dishes and check seating, linen and useful supplies.
- [ ] Wrap and label gifts, then check your lists for anything still missing.

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05 Make the day easier

- [ ] Put your plan and key contact details somewhere easy to find.
- [ ] Complete the preparation your recipes safely allow in advance.
- [ ] Check what is still to do, who can help and what can simply be skipped.
- [ ] Leave a little time between tasks, and pause to enjoy your company.

Your next small steps

The three things that matter most to us

My next task and when I will do it

A task I can ask someone to help with