

Mama's "Christmas Magic" To-Do List

Create Holiday Budget

- Discuss Budget With Spouse/Partner Regarding The Following:
 - Decorations
 - Holiday Parties
 - Gifts
 - Christmas Cards
 - Charity
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Download App: "Christmas Gift List Tracker" to Your Phone (Free)

- Enter All Of The People You Will Need To Buy Gifts For In The App. Don't Forget The Following:
 - Neighbors
 - Teachers
 - Pastors
 - Coaches
 - Kids' Friends
 - Trash Collectors
 - Mail Person/Delivery Drivers
 - Bus Driver
 - Troop/Club Leaders for Your Kids
 - Co-Workers
 - Secret Santas
 - Godchild/Godchildren
 - Home Cleaner
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Gifts To Make

- Decide If You Will Be Making Any Gifts This Year.
 - Items Needed To Purchase For Gift Making
 - Craft Making
 - Cookie Making
 - Candy Making
 - Family Picture Calendar
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Wrapping Gifts

- Take Inventory Of:
 - Wrapping Paper
 - Bows and Ribbons
 - Tape
 - Tissue Paper
 - Gift Bags (All Sizes!)
 - Gift Tags
 - Boxes- Save Empty Amazon Boxes or Delivery Boxes
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- Set Up Wrapping Station.
 - Wrapping Paper
 - Ribbons/Bows
 - Scissors
 - Tape
 - Boxes
 - Gift Bags
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- Mark Date to Begin Wrapping On The Calendar
- Mark Gifts As Wrapped On The Christmas App

Gifts To Ship

- Do I Need To Mail or Ship Any Gifts For Out-Of-Town Family/Friends?
 - Who Do I Need To Ship To?
 - When Should I Ship By?
 - What Shipping Company Will I Use?
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Holiday Calendar

- Discuss With Spouse/Partner Holiday Parties. Add Dates To The Family Calendar.
 - Work Parties
 - Couples Parties
 - School Parties
 - Church Parties
 - Christmas Concerts for School
 - Secret Santa Parties
 - Family Parties
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Holiday Food

- What Parties Will I/We Be Guests At?
 - What Dish Will I Volunteer To Bring?
 - Hostess Gift?
 - Grocery List
 - When Will I Shop?
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- What Parties Will I/We Be Hosting?
 - What Will The Menu Be?
 - What Food Will I Ask Others To Bring?

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- What Alcohol Do We Need To Purchase?
 - Mixers
 - Stir Sticks
 - Cocktail Napkins
 - Garnishes
 - Grocery List
 - Non-Alcoholic Beverages Needed?
 - When Will I Shop?
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 - What Special Family Meals Do I Need To Prepare For? (Example: Christmas Morning Breakfast)
 - Menu
 - Grocery List
 - When Will I Shop?
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Christmas Baking

- Do I Plan To Do Holiday Baking This Year?
 - Cookie Exchanges
 - Cookies For Our Family
 - Add Baking Days To Calendar
 - Grocery List
 - When Will I Shop?
 - Do I Need Any New Baking Items? (Example: Cookie Cutters, Cookie Sheets, Baking Pans, Etc.)
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House Guests

- Will We Have House Guests Staying Overnight With Us?
 - Dates Of Stay
 - Sleeping Arrangements
 - Meals Needed
 - Grocery List

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- Clean House
 - Fresh Linens
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Christmas Cards

- Decide If You Will Be Sending Christmas Cards This Year.
 - Take picture/pictures for Christmas Cards
 - Order Picture Cards or Purchase Store-Bought Cards
 - Write Christmas Letter/Sign Cards
 - Buy Christmas Stamps
 - Address Envelopes, Seal, Stamp and Mail Cards
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Decorations

- What Date to Set-Up Christmas Tree?
- If Buying a Real Tree What Date Will We Purchase?
- What Date to Set Up Decorations Inside and Outside of Home?
- What Needs to be Done Outside of Home? Who Will Do It?
- What Needs to be Done Inside of Home? Who Will Do It?
- Do We Need to Purchase Any New Items?
- Do We Need To Purchase A Wreath?
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St. Nicholas Stocking (December 6)

- Who Do I Need To Buy Items For Stockings?
 - Spouse
 - Children
 - Pets
 - When Will I Shop?

Music

- Purchase New Christmas Album/s
- Make a New Christmas Playlist
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Wardrobe Inventory

- What Holiday Events/Church Services Will Our Family Attend This Season?
 - Childrens' Outfits
 - Spouse's Outfits
 - Mama's Outfits
 - Shop for Needed Items Including Socks, Shoes, Undershirts and Belts?
 - Launder, Dry Clean and/or Iron Needed Items
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Appointments/Errands To-Do

- What Appointments/Errands Do I Need To Do In Order To Make The Holiday Season Run Smoothly?
 - Dry Cleaners
 - Pets Groomed
 - Personal Haircut/Hair Coloring/Hair Styling Appointments
 - Kids' Haircut Appointments
 - Food Orders/ Food Catering
 - Home Cleaners
 - Order Floral Centerpiece/Poinsettias
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Christmas Family Activities

- What Are Some Seasonal Activities Our Family Can Do?
 - Ice Skating
 - Christmas Movie Night
 - Christmas Musical/Play
 - Car Tour Of Christmas Lights
 - Cut Down Fresh Christmas Tree
 - Make A Gingerbread House
 - Write Letters To Santa
 - Write Letters To Jesus (Asking What We Can Give Or What We Pledge To Give)
 - Christmas Caroling
 - Christmas Brunch/Breakfast With Santa
 - Christmas Scavenger Hunt In The House
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True Meaning Of Christmas

- How Can We Celebrate The True Meaning Of Christmas?
 - Read The Christmas Story (Luke 2:1-21)
 - Set Up A Nativity Together
 - Set Up A Jesse Tree
 - Celebrate Advent With Wreath And/Or Calendar
 - Read Special Devotionals
 - Say Special Prayers
 - Volunteer As A Family
 - Gratitude Journal Throughout Advent. (Each Day Every Family Member Records One Thing They Are Grateful For In The Journal)
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