

THE 7 WEEK NO-STRESS Holiday Planner



3 WEEKS to Thanksgiving / 7 WEEKS to Christmas

- ☐ **Gift List** - Grab a cup of coffee and these Christmas Gift Printables and get started! You'll make better decisions and stay on budget if you have a plan.
 - "How to Save Money" Christmas Gift Printable
 - Christmas Giving and Wishing List Printable for Kids
- ☐ **Coming & Going** - Confirm all family arrivals and departures on your calendar. If you're traveling, finalize those details as well.
- ☐ **Calendar Sync** - Display your family's seasonal performances and parties on one family calendar.



2 WEEKS to Thanksgiving / 6 WEEKS to Christmas

- ☐ **Plan** - Finalize your Thanksgiving menu, and start a menu for Christmas.
- ☐ **Buy** - Purchase non-perishable seasonal items like canned pumpkin, jellied cranberries, and Karo Syrup (can you say pecan pie?). **Prepare and freeze your Thanksgiving casseroles and desserts this week.**
- ☐ **Serve** - Sit down as a family and talk about ways you want to serve others during the holidays. Make a plan for your chosen project(s) and put them on the calendar.



1 WEEK to Thanksgiving / 5 WEEKS to Christmas

- ☐ **Prep** - Prepare guest rooms, iron linens, and clean bathrooms.
- ☐ **Buy** - Add disposable containers to your shopping list for guests' leftovers.
- ☐ **Show Love** - Send our **Thanksgiving Lunch box Notes** to school, or hide them under your children's pillow.
- ☐ **Shop** - Take a peek at the "Black Friday" ads.
- ☐ **Thanks** - Use these **Thanksgiving Story Printables** to start a new tradition!



Thanksgiving Week / 4 WEEKS to Christmas

- ☐ **Buy** - Shop for your groceries early in the week to beat the last-minute crowds.
- ☐ **Thaw** - Start thawing the turkey in the fridge on Monday.
- ☐ **Set** - **Get your table ready** on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thaw pre-made dishes and desserts.
- ☐ **Spruce** - Give the house a final clean sweep on Wednesday.
- ☐ **Shop** - Only the shopping strong survive **Black Friday!** If you hate waiting in lines, then try Cyber Monday!
- ☐ **Trim** - Crank up the carols, string the popcorn, and hang the ornaments!
- ☐ **Choose** - Make your Christmas card list and select your cards.

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3 WEEKS to Christmas

- ☐ **Count** - Tally up your attendees and finalize your Christmas menu.
- ☐ **Calendar Sync** - Remember, you don't have to attend every possible event-choose carefully, and politely decline others to protect family time during the season.
- ☐ **Shop** - Finish shopping for items on your gift list.
- ☐ **Address** - Address and mail your Christmas cards.



2 WEEKS to Christmas

- ☐ **Shop** - Shop for all non-perishables for your Christmas meal.
- ☐ **Make** - **Make and bake ahead** for Christmas, and freeze until the big day.
- ☐ **Review** - Take a look at your gift list. Pick up any final gifts.
- ☐ **Wrap** - Set aside one day this week for wrapping gifts. Put on some Christmas tunes and gather your supplies. Pray for the recipients while you wrap.
- ☐ **Choose** - Plan now to start a new **Christmas Eve tradition**.



1 WEEK to Christmas

- ☐ **Buy** - Shop for final items for the Christmas meal.
- ☐ **Give** - Deliver teacher and neighbor gifts.
- ☐ **Prep** - Make a final clean sweep of the house, freshen the guest room if needed, and get the table ready for the Christmas meal.
- ☐ **Thaw** - Late in the week, start thawing pre-made dishes and desserts in the fridge.
- ☐ **Print** - **iMOM's Christmas Story Cutouts**.



Christmas Eve/Christmas Day

- ☐ **Review** - Go over **iMOM's Last Minute Christmas Eve To-Do List**.
- ☐ **Finish** - Put the final touches on your Christmas meal.
- ☐ **Faith** - Attend Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services together as a family.
- ☐ **Family** - Eat, Give, Laugh, Love and ENJOY!