Christmas Countdown Checklist

Week 17 – Sept 1–7	Week 16 – Sept 8–14	Week 15 – Sept 14–21	Week 14 – Sept 22–28
Set a Christmas budget ☐	Brainstorm and start buying early gifts ☐	Plan/organise Christmas cards – update addresses if needed. ☐	Book Christmas activities (panto, light shows, Santa). ☐
Start a family festive calendar ☐	Buy sypplies for making DIY presents ☐	Start building a festive playlist. ☐	Finalise where you'll spend Christmas and book any travel. ☐
Declutter & donate old toys ☐	Dry orange slices for decoration – they'll keep beautifully. ☐	Forage twigs, foliage, or pinecones to use in DIY crafts and decorations ☐	Start planning/making DIY gifts if that's on your list. ☐

Week 13 – Sept 29–Oct 5	Week 12 – Oct 6 –12	Week 11 – Oct 13–19	Week 10 – Oct 20–26
Book your supermarket Christmas food delivery slot. ☐	Plan Advent calendars (buy, make, or fill DIY ones). ☐	Check Christmas decorations – lights, baubles, tree stand. ☐	Start writing Christmas cards for international friends/family. ☐
Gather packaging (gift wrap, bags, tape, tags). ☐	Test a new festive recipe (cookies, mince pies, stollen). ☐	Book a family/holiday photo session. ☐	Wrap and post international gifts. ☐
Pick up a couple of small gifts for teachers, neighbours etc ☐	Start crafting simple DIY crackers or gather supplies for later. ☐	If you're having turkey or goose, place your order early ☐	Book hair/nail appointments if you want pre-Christmas pampering. ☐

Week 9 – Oct 27–Nov 2	Week 8 – Nov 3 –9	Week 7 – Nov 10–16	Week 6 – Nov 17–23
Complete another 25% of gifts (aim for 50% done). ☐	Keep ticking off gifts (aim for 75% done) ☐	Stock up on drinks (wine, fizz, soft drinks, festive tipples). ☐	Start wrapping presents as you go. ☐
Add to your Christmas playlist. ☐	Declutter cupboards and clear freezer space for extra food ☐	Order eco-friendly wrapping supplies. ☐	Make your Christmas pudding – it's Stir-up Sunday this week! ☐
Organise a festive get-together with friends before diaries fill up. ☐	Visit your first Christmas market to soak up the vibes. ☐	Plan/make a DIY door wreath from foraged or dried goodies. ☐	Try baking festive treats for the freezer. ☐

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Week 5 - Nov 24–30	Week 4 - Dec 1 –7	Week 3 – Dec 8–14	Week 2 - Dec 15–21
Put up Christmas decorations at the end of the week. ☐	Advent begins! Enjoy daily traditions. ☐	Choose & bring home your Christmas tree. ☐	Do your fresh food shop early in the week ☐
Plan Elf on the Shelf - if you're doing this ☐	Post UK Christmas cards and gifts ☐	Finish up wrapping. ☐	Buy fresh flowers if you're using them ☐
finalise numbers for Christmas dinner & any overnight guests ☐	Clean the oven before the big cooking season. ☐	Plan what you'll wear on Christmas Day. ☐	Stock up on batteries (for kids' toys & gadgets). ☐

Week 1 - Dec 22–23	Christmas Eve - Dec 24	Christmas Day - Dec 25	
Enjoy last-minute touches – mulled wine, candles, festive films. ☐	Prep veg and sides for the big day. ☐		Merry Christmas!
Prepare Christmas Eve Boxes ☐	Set Christmas table ☐		
Make a table centrepiece or gather fresh foliage for one ☐	Relax and soak up the magic—you're ready!		