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**ENTERTAINING**



**HOLIDAY PLANNING GUIDE**

# The Menu

For a Fabulous Holiday Celebration, all recipes can be found in *Entertaining with Purpose*



## Christmas Morning Coffee Cake

Grandpa's favorite that I make every year.  
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## Salmon Ball

We always start the evening off with this delicious recipe. Page 124.



## Lasagna

This is a year long event. We grow the tomatoes in the garden and hand roll the pasta.  
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## Caramel Mocha Smoothie

Remember to nourish the host and keep your energy levels up all day with these delicious smoothies.  
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## George's Maple Cookies

I used to make these with my great grandpa George when he would visit during the holidays.



# Holiday Recipes

Bonus recipes for Thoughtful Entertaining

## Thoughtful Entertaining Tip

Place Cards as Thank you notes to the host.

If you spend the time making the place cards, why not leave a little pencil for the guests to leave you a note letting you know what a great time they had?



## Cranberry Sangria Mocktail

32oz Cranberry Cocktail  
32oz Orange Juice  
1L Club Soda  
2 Oranges Sliced  
6oz Fresh Cranberries  
2 Sprigs Rosemary  
3 Cinnamon Sticks

1. Muddle cranberries in the bottom of glass container. Place oranges, rosemary and cinnamon sticks in the container.
2. Pour both juices in and mix.
3. This can sit overnight or served right away. Add Club Soda before serving, so its nice and bubbly!



# Planning Checklist

An overview of the next month to plan stress-free event.



## 4 Weeks

Send the evite or text invites based on your compassionate guest list  
Order everything requiring shipping - linens, glassware, decor, etc



## 3 Weeks

Order any rentals including linens, glassware and unique servers  
Purchase Christmas if getting a live tree.  
Decorate, decorate, decorate!



## 2 Weeks

Confirm Guest Count  
Brainstorm ways to personalize the event. Think homemade and handmade.



## 1 Week

Create your music playlist  
Make maple cookies



## 3 Days Out

Shop for Food and alcohol  
Floral delivery or pickup. If ordered wholesale, follow recommendations for keeping fresh.  
Housekeeper/Cleaning Day



## 2 Days out

Gather items for tablescape and dessert table  
Make Christmas Coffee Cake  
Make lasagna



## Night before

Make Salmon Ball and place in fridge  
Prepare Sangria mocktail and place in fridge



# Day of Timeline

Remember to take time to out to nurture the host, to ensure a successful event.

- 💕 7:00 am Wake, grab a cup of coffee and healthy breakfast
- 💕 8:00 am Go over to do list and get organized
- 💕 9:00-10:00 am Get some exercise, go for a walk, do yoga, lift weights or stretch
- 💕 11:00-3:00 am Test music, setup photo area and power up with a smoothie. Chop salad and place in fridge.
- 💕 3:00 Start Chilling wine and cold beverages.
- 💕 3:00-4:00 pm Shower and get ready
- 💕 4:00 pm Finish up any last minute items, fill water pitchers and place in fridge
- 💕 4:45 pm Set salmon ball out with crudite and crackers
- 💕 5:00 pm Guest arrive, grab a drink, mingle, snack of salmon ball
- 💕 5:15 pm Place lasagna in the oven
- 💕 5:45 pm Place rolls in the oven and toss salad
- 💕 6:00 pm Dinner - Enjoy time with your friends and family!

Notes for next year:

*“We all have a need to gather.  
Even introverts need time with  
the ones they love to recharge the  
soul.”*

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