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ENTERTAINING

# Thanksgiving Day Planning Guide

  
OCCASIONALLY  
FABULOUS  
« events »





### Butternut Squash with Truffle Oil

A Beautiful Side dish found in  
my new cookbook  
'Entertaining with Purpose'  
out November 12th!



Have light hors d'oeuvres  
prepared for when guests arrive.  
Custom Charcuterie cones made  
easily!



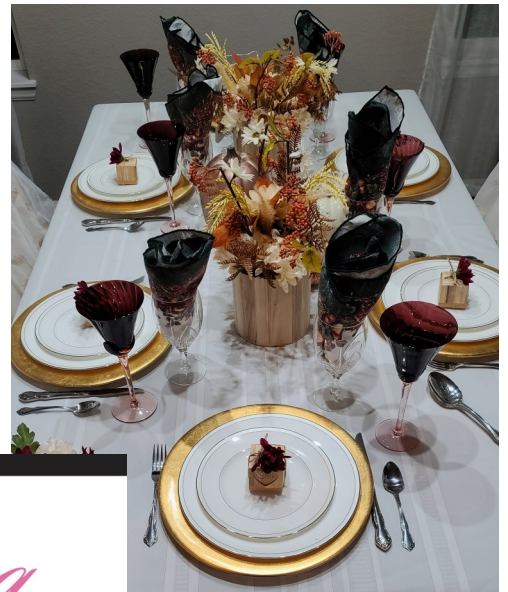
## Entertaining with PURPOSE



### White Chocolate Peppermint Bark

- 12oz Dark or Semi Sweet Chocolate Chips
- 12 oz White Chocolate Chips
- 1/2 tsp peppermint extract
- 3 Candy canes crushed

1. Line a small cookie sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a bowl melt the dark chips in the microwave, checking every 15 seconds. Pour onto parchment paper and place in fridge to harden.
3. Melt white chocolate in microwave. Stirring and checking every 15 seconds.
4. Remove dark chocolate from fridge and pour white chocolate over the top.
5. Sprinkle with candy canes. Place back in the fridge for one hour.
6. Break up bark and place cellophane or other cute favor packaging.



### Personalization:

Create thoughtful options  
like guest favors on plates.  
I do white chocolate  
peppermint bark.  
Recipe below.



## Thanksgiving Planning Checklist

- 🌸 Thaw the turkey in the refrigerator 3 days in advance
- 🌸 Order any items that require shipping 3 weeks in advance (think décor, clothing, glassware, linens)
- 🌸 Have housecleaners in 2-3 days in advance
- 🌸 Make all baked goods the night before—pies, rolls and bread
- 🌸 Save time on Wednesday evening to create the tablescape. Grab a beverage and have fun!
- 🌸 Layout the bar and pull everything together the night before
- 🌸 Grocery shop on Monday at the latest, its best to go one week in advance.



## November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Send invites 1	2	Start décor plan Count plates & glassware 3	4	Order anything requiring shipping 5	6
7	8	9	10	RSVP Deadline 11	12	13
14	15	16	17	Shop for food 18	19	Make Thankful Tree and other Personalized details 20
Thaw Turkey Press Linens 21	22	Housekeepers Brine Turkey 23	Tablescapes Bar Make Pies 24	Thanksgiving Day! 25	26	27
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# Thanksgiving Day Timeline

**7:00 am**—wake, grab a cup of coffee and a healthy breakfast

**8:00 am**—go over to do list and get organized

**9:00-10:00**—Get some exercise, go for a walk, do yoga, lift weights or stretch

**11-3:00**-Prepare all side dishes, hors d'oeuvre and make homemade whipped cream and place in fridge. Start turkey cook time based on weight.

**12:00**—Make time for a healthy lunch, light salad with protein

**3:00** - Start chilling wine and cold beverages

**3:00-4:00**—Shower and get ready

**4:00**—Finish up any last minute items, fill water pitchers and place in fridge

**4:45** -Set hors d' oeuvres out

**5:00**- PM Guests arrive—Mingling, filling out thankful tree, grabbing drinks

**5:15** -Pull the turkey out of the oven and let rest, make the gravy

**5:45**- Carve the turkey

**6:00** - Dinner—Enjoy time with your friends and family!

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*Food is what connects us when we can't celebrate together.*

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