CHRISTMAS LUNCH PLANNER

Who's coming for Christmas

Thirty-four degrees, three generations, a pavlova and an esky full of prawns. This planner won't stop the chaos, but it will organise it.

My Tomte

Lunch at _____

The guests

Ask everyone about dietary needs two weeks out, not on the day.

NAME	DIETARY NEEDS Allergies, vegetarian, gluten free, "no coriander"	KIDS? How many	COMING
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Who's bringing what

So you don't end up with four potato salads.

WHAT	WHO	SORTED
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Always check ingredients and allergen labels, especially for guests with allergies.

Prefer it done for you? My Tomte plans around everyone's dietary needs and writes the list for the whole lunch.

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The menu

Write the dish, who's making it, and circle what it suits: **V** vegetarian, **GF** gluten free, **DF** dairy free. Then nobody has to ask what's in the trifle.

My Tomte

Starters

DISH	WHO'S MAKING IT	SUITS
		V GF DF
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		V GF DF
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
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		V GF DF
		V GF DF

Mains

ham, turkey, the prawns

DISH	WHO'S MAKING IT	SUITS
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
		V GF DF

Sides

one potato salad, maximum

DISH	WHO'S MAKING IT	SUITS
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
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		V GF DF
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		V GF DF

Desserts

pav, pudding, trifle

DISH	WHO'S MAKING IT	SUITS
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
		V GF DF

Drinks

and something for the kids

DISH	WHO'S MAKING IT	SUITS
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
		V GF DF
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On the day

what goes in the oven, and when

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The countdown

Two weeks of small jobs beats one very long Christmas Eve. Tick them off as you go, and add your own.

My Tomte

Two weeks out
about 11 December

- [ ] Write the guest list
- [ ] Ask about dietary needs
- [ ] Share who's bringing what
- [ ] Order the ham, turkey or seafood
- [ ] Count the chairs
- [ ]
- [ ]
- [ ]

One week out
about 18 December

- [ ] Plan the menu
- [ ] Do the big pantry shop
- [ ] Sort the drinks
- [ ] Make room in the fridge
- [ ] Find the esky
- [ ]
- [ ]
- [ ]

Christmas Eve
24 December

- [ ] Pick up the fresh food
- [ ] Make what keeps: dressings, desserts
- [ ] Set the table
- [ ] Chill the drinks
- [ ] Buy the ice
- [ ]
- [ ]
- [ ]

Christmas Day
follow the plan, then nap

- [ ] Ice into the esky first
- [ ] Oven on (see "On the day")
- [ ] Dress the salads last
- [ ] Photo before anyone sits down
- [ ] Put your feet up
- [ ]
- [ ]
- [ ]

The shopping list

Grouped by aisle. Copy the menu across, then cross off what's already in the house.

Fruit and veg

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Meat and seafood

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Dairy

cream for the pav

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Bakery

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Pantry

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Drinks

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- [ ] **Don't forget the ice.** Then buy one more bag.