A LITTLE DECEMBER MAGIC

Cozy December 12 Nights of Family Magic

Simple, joyful activities to make the season feel special

✦ MAKE MEMORIES • LAUGH TOGETHER • KEEP IT SIMPLE ✦

12 evenings. 12 small moments. One December to remember.
Choose a night, make a little space in your schedule, and enjoy an easy activity together. No expensive supplies or picture-perfect home required—just a little time and willingness to have fun.

GET READY: YOUR SIMPLE PREPARATION CHECKLIST

- ■ Print this activity kit
- ■ Gather paper, pens, glue and crayons
- ■ Check food and craft supplies for allergies
- ■ Choose 12 evenings that suit your family
- ■ Keep blankets and a family game handy
- ■ Set a small budget—or use what you have

A FEW EASY SUPPLIES TO HAVE ON HAND

Paper • crayons or washable markers • child-safe scissors • glue sticks • cotton balls • string or ribbon • paper plates • blankets • popcorn • cocoa or warm milk • simple cookie decorations • a favorite family game.

MAKE IT WORK FOR YOUR FAMILY
Shorten, simplify or move any activity to another night. Let children help choose. A free activity at home can become a favorite tradition.

Our family name: _____ December year: _____

Your 12-Night December Calendar

Write in the dates that work for your family. Check a box when you complete an activity—or mark your favorite nights. You do not need to follow the order.

NIGHT			DONE
1	Hot Chocolate Night	_____	■
2	Christmas Movie & Blanket Fort	_____	■
3	Make Paper Snowflakes	_____	■
4	DIY Christmas Ornaments	_____	■
5	Cookie Decorating	_____	■
6	Christmas Music Dance Party	_____	■
7	Indoor Christmas Scavenger Hunt	_____	■
8	Write a Kindness Note	_____	■
9	Build a Gingerbread House	_____	■
10	Christmas Story Night	_____	■
11	Family Game Night	_____	■
12	Christmas Memory Jar	_____	■

OUR FAVORITE NIGHT WAS…

A LITTLE NOTE OR MEMORY FROM THIS DECEMBER…

The First Six Cozy Nights

Simple instructions, easy supplies and plenty of room to make each idea your own.

1. Hot Chocolate Night

Make cocoa with milk or a prepared mix. Set out mini marshmallows, cinnamon or chocolate chips. Everyone creates a favorite cup and gives it a silly winter name.

Budget: Use pantry ingredients; one shared topping bowl is enough.
Safety: An adult prepares hot drinks and checks the temperature before children handle cups.

2. Christmas Movie & Blanket Fort

Choose a family-friendly movie. Drape blankets over sturdy chairs or a table, add pillows, dim the lights and enjoy a simple snack.

Budget: Borrow a movie from the library or watch a family favorite you already own.
Safety: Keep blankets away from heaters, candles and flames. Keep the fort ventilated and use stable furniture.

3. Make Paper Snowflakes

Fold paper into a triangle, fold again, then cut small shapes along the edges. Open gently to reveal a snowflake and tape it to a window.

Budget: Reuse scrap paper, old envelopes or the backs of used sheets.
Safety: Adults should handle scissors for young children. Use child-safe scissors with supervision.

4. DIY Christmas Ornaments

Decorate paper circles, cardboard shapes or clean craft sticks with crayons, stickers and ribbon. Add a loop and write a name or year on the back.

Budget: Recycle cereal boxes and leftover wrapping paper.
Safety: Avoid small loose decorations for children who mouth objects. Use non-toxic glue; keep string away from toddlers.

5. Cookie Decorating

Use plain store-bought or homemade cookies. Set out a little icing and a few toppings. Decorate together and let icing set before serving.

Budget: Decorate a few cookies each and share toppings in small bowls.
Safety: Check allergies, avoid raw dough and supervise young children with small or hard toppings.

6. Christmas Music Dance Party

Make a short playlist of holiday favorites. Take turns choosing songs, invent silly dance moves and finish with a freeze-dance round.

Budget: Use a free playlist and clear a small space at home.
Safety: Move furniture and toys, choose a non-slip area and keep volume comfortable.

Six More Nights to Remember

Finish your December activity list with simple moments that bring everyone together.

7. Indoor Christmas Scavenger Hunt

Hide a few safe household or holiday items in one room. Make a list: something red, something soft, a star, a bow and something that makes you smile. Search together.

Budget: Use decorations and everyday objects you already own.
Safety: Keep the hunt away from stairs, breakables, electrical cords and hot decorations.

8. Write a Kindness Note

Write or draw a kind message for a family member, neighbor, teacher or friend. Deliver it together or leave it somewhere the recipient will find it.

Budget: Use scrap paper and homemade cards—no gift required.
Safety: Ask an adult before visiting or contacting someone outside the household. Do not include private information.

9. Build a Gingerbread House

Use a kit, graham crackers or sturdy biscuits with icing as glue. Decorate with a few sweets, cereal pieces or pretzels. Take a photo before enjoying it.

Budget: Make a small house from crackers and use a handful of toppings.
Safety: Check allergies, supervise small candies and use a clean surface. Never use craft glue on food.

10. Christmas Story Night

Choose a holiday book or make up a story together, with each person adding one sentence. Get cozy and let children draw their favorite part.

Budget: Borrow books from the library or tell a story from memory.
Safety: Keep candles and hot drinks away from blankets and paper.

11. Family Game Night

Choose a board game, card game, charades or guessing game. Let each person choose a round and adapt the rules for younger players.

Budget: Use a game you already own or play free charades.
Safety: Keep small game pieces away from toddlers and supervise age-inappropriate games.

12. Christmas Memory Jar

Decorate a clean jar or container. Everyone writes or draws one favorite seasonal moment on a paper slip. Read them aloud, then save the jar to open next December.

Budget: Reuse a clean food jar or small box; paper scraps make memory slips.
Safety: Choose plastic instead of glass for young children. Keep ribbon and tiny decorations away from toddlers.

OUR FAMILY KEEPSAKE

This December, we loved…

_____

Our funniest moment was…

_____

Something we want to do again next year…

_____

Family names: _____ Date: _____