

A CONSIDERED CHRISTMAS

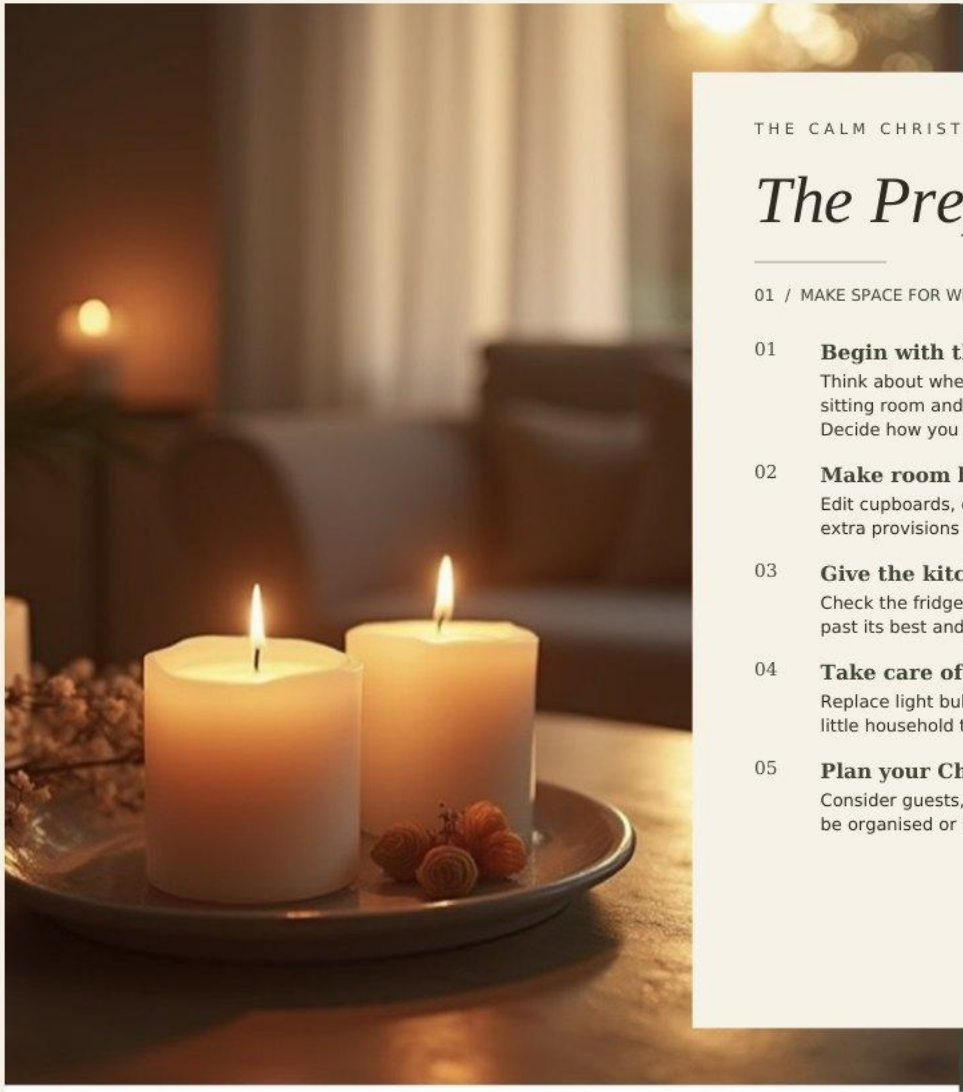
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15 considered ways to prepare your home for a more effortless Christmas.

Christmas doesn't need to be perfectly planned to be wonderful. A welcoming home, thoughtful details and time with the people you love are what make the season special.

Choose the ideas that will make the greatest difference to you. You don't need to do them all.

And breathe…



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The Preparation

01 / MAKE SPACE FOR WHAT MATTERS

01 **Begin with the spaces you will use most**
Think about where Christmas will happen in your home. The kitchen, dining room, sitting room and guest bedrooms are often the spaces that deserve attention first. Decide how you want them to look, feel and function.

02 **Make room before bringing more in**
Edit cupboards, clear surfaces and reorganise storage before decorations, gifts and extra provisions arrive. The aim is not to have less. It is to remove friction.

03 **Give the kitchen some attention**
Check the fridge, freezer and pantry. Use up forgotten ingredients, clear out anything past its best and make room for the food and drinks you'll want over Christmas.

04 **Take care of the practical jobs**
Replace light bulbs, arrange minor repairs, check spare bedding and deal with those little household tasks you've been meaning to get around to.

05 **Plan your Christmas diary**
Consider guests, meals, school events, deliveries and commitments. Identify what can be organised or booked now, rather than leaving everything until December.

The Details

02 / A HOME THAT WELCOMES

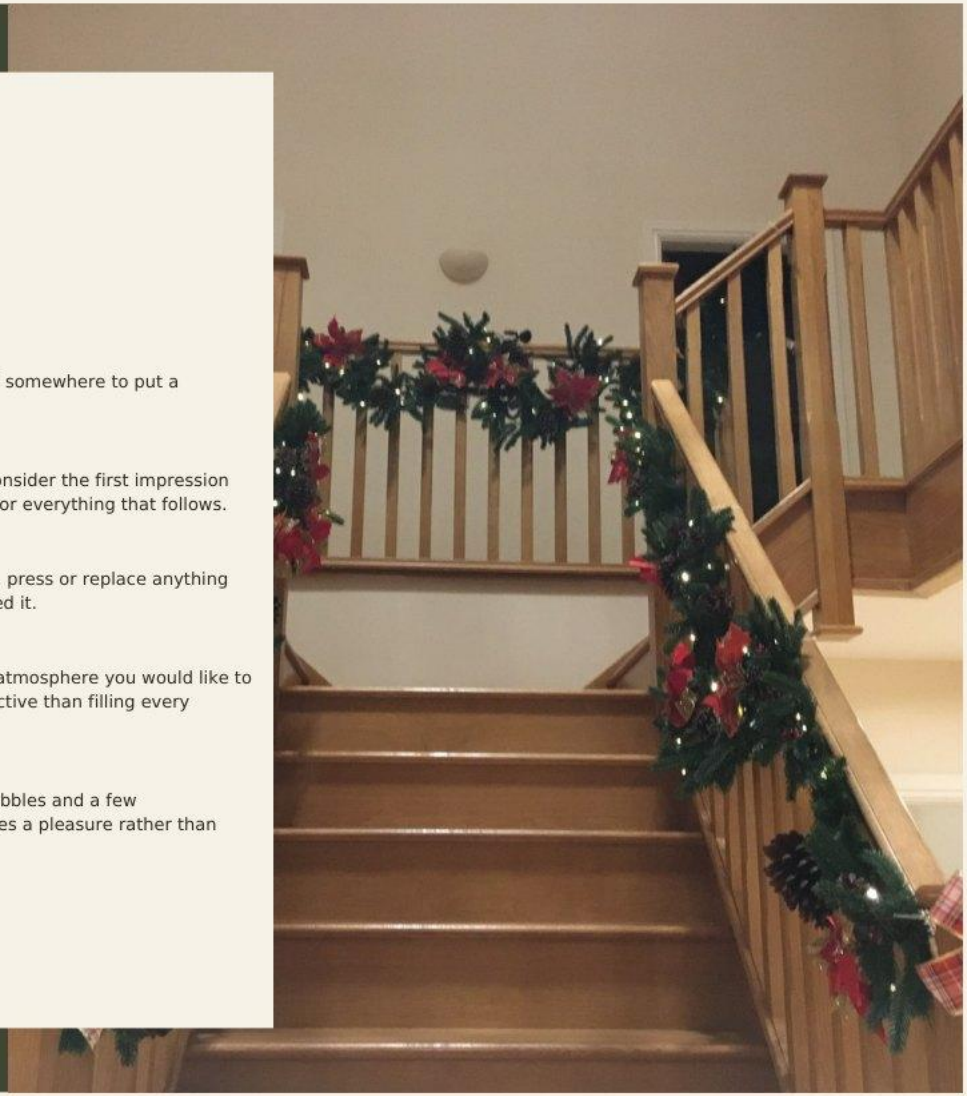
06 **Prepare your guest bedrooms**
Fresh linen, comfortable pillows, clear bedside tables and somewhere to put a suitcase make a guest room feel immediately inviting.

07 **Create a welcoming entrance**
Tidy the hallway, make space for coats and shoes, and consider the first impression your home creates. A welcoming entrance sets the tone for everything that follows.

08 **Refresh your everyday linens**
Check towels, tablecloths, napkins and bedding. Launder, press or replace anything that needs attention so everything is ready when you need it.

09 **Bring out your decorations thoughtfully**
Rather than decorating everything at once, consider the atmosphere you would like to create. A few beautifully chosen details can be more effective than filling every available space.

10 **Prepare for the unexpected guest**
Keep a small selection of favourite drinks, good-quality nibbles and a few easy-to-serve treats ready. Impromptu hospitality becomes a pleasure rather than another task.





03 / THE EXPERIENCE

Time to enjoy it

11 **Plan the meals, not just the shopping**

Think through the meals you will serve, who is joining you and what can be prepared ahead. A considered menu reduces last-minute decisions.

12 **Create a dedicated gift-wrapping space**

Gather paper, ribbon, tags, tape and scissors in one place. Keep a simple record of gifts bought and wrapped so you are not relying on memory.

13 **Decide what to delegate**

From collecting orders and preparing guest rooms to laundry, food preparation and errands, consider what someone else could take care of.

14 **Protect the quieter moments**

Leave space for an unhurried breakfast, a winter walk, an evening by the fire or simply being at home together.

15 **Let Christmas be enjoyed, not managed**

Once the preparations are complete, give yourself permission to enjoy what you have created. A beautifully managed home should support your life.

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