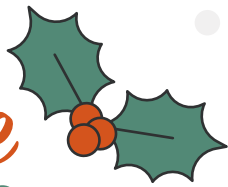


Try These



# Holiday Traditions

From Christmas cookies to advent calendars, the holiday season brings countless cherished traditions. While you love them, it can feel predictable knowing the same traditions are on their way year after year.

Try these holiday traditions for an exciting spin on the season!

-  Make your own **Christmas stockings** with anything but Christmas colors.
-  Visit your local library and check out an assortment of **holiday books**. Put together a family puppet show of your favorite story!
-  Limit everybody's gift opening to **one present per hour**. That way, Christmas morning lasts all day!
-  Host a neighborhood **talent show** for the holidays.
-  Pick a country and **try their Christmas traditions**, or implement a tradition that aligns with your ancestral heritage!
-  Learn a new skill, like sewing or baking. Use that skill to **make homemade gifts!**
-  Up the stakes of your White Elephant gift exchange by turning it into a White Elephant **bingo game!**
-  Do some holiday **shopping at secondhand stores**. What treasures will you find?
-  Have a **holiday bonfire** with s'mores and hot cocoa. Instead of campfire songs, sing Christmas songs!
-  Make your own **stovetop simmer** with cinnamon sticks, cranberries, cloves, and orange peels.
-  Invent a **new family recipe** for a food you'll only make at Christmastime.
-  Create a **present-wrapping code**. Wrap all of mom's gifts in one kind of wrapping paper, all of dad's in another—but don't reveal the code until Christmas morning!
-  Take turns **hiding a holiday trinket** around the house. Hide it with a Christmas treat to reward whoever finds it!
-  **Cut snowflakes** out of colorful tissue paper and hang them in the windows.
-  Plan a **tour of your community's Christmas lights** and rank them. Create categories like "most inflatable decorations" and "most colorful display!"
-  **Make your own gift wrap** with plain wrapping paper and stamps.
-  Start a **holiday scavenger hunt**. Hide gnomes, Santa Claus figurines, or nutcrackers around the house—or around the neighborhood!
-  Have a **hilarious holiday potluck!** Assign one part of the meal, like an appetizer or dessert, to each person or family. The catch? Nobody can tell anybody else what they're bringing. See what crazy combinations you'll end up with!

