## **Christmas Present List**

Don't 'top up' on presents; if you buy a present below the budget you have set, don't use the rest of the budget to buy that person something extra!



Name	Present	Estimated £	Actual £
		Total	Total

## The Consumer Council's Christmas gift



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## **Christmas** Budget Planner

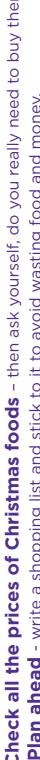
## How to work out your budget

Do you feel under pressure and tempted to spend money that you cannot afford at Christmas?

To help you stay within your budget, the Consumer Council has put together this food and present planner. If you fill this in, you are less likely to blow your budget and your money should go further.

- 1. **Get organised** gather together a pen, paper and a calculator.
- 2. In the 'Estimated' column, write down how much you think you will spend next to the items you want to buy. Overprice when in doubt. Add the items together and put them in the 'Total' box.
- 3. Take this Christmas Budget Planner with you when you go to the shops to help you price around and pick the best deal. You can then write down the real costs in the 'Actual' column. Add the items together and put them in the 'Total' box.
- 4. Cut out impulse buys set a budget and stick to it unless it is something **really** important.







Christmas Dinner	Estimated £	Actual £	Christm
Christmas Turkey			Mince
Ham			Christ
Bacon/Sausages			Other
Soup			Chees
Nut Roast			Choco
Melon			Cream
Onions			Tinnec
Broccoli			Spong
Carrots			Jelly
Brussels Sprouts			Christi
Parsnips			Nuts
Potatoes			Sweet
Cranberry Sauce			Biscui
Stuffing			Tange
Gravy			Coffee
Tin Foil			Choco
TOTAL			TOTAL

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Christmas Decorations	Estimated £	Actual £
Wrapping Paper		
Gift Bags		
Gift Tags		
Sticky Tape		
Cards and Postage		
Christmas Tree		
Decorations and Lights		
TOTAL		

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hristmas Napkins			Enter
hristmas Tablecloth			Trave

Gift Bags		
Gift Tags		
Sticky Tape		
Cards and Postage		
Christmas Tree		
Decorations and Lights		
TOTAL		
Christmas - Going Out	Estimated £	Actual £
Clothes and Accessories		
Entertainment		
Travel		
Parties		
TOTAL		