

Christmas Budget Planner





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How to work out your budget

To try help you stay within your Christmas budget, the Consumer Council has put together this easy to use food and present planner. Use this to keep track of what you are spending your money on. We have left a few blanks in each table for you to add items not on the list.

1. You will need a pen and a calculator.
2. In the 'Estimated' column, write how much you think you will spend next to the items you want to buy. Add the cost of each item together and put this amount in the 'Total' box.
3. In the 'Actual' column, write down how much the item actually cost you. Add the cost of each item together and put this amount in the 'Total' box.
4. Set an overall budget and try not to impulse buy.

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How much will Christmas cost you?



Dinner	Estimated £	Actual £
Christmas Turkey		
Bacon/Sausages		
Ham		
Soup		
Nut Roast		
Melon		
Onions		
Broccoli		
Carrots		
Brussels Sprouts		
Parsnips		
Cranberry Sauce		
Stuffing		
Gravy		
Tin Foil		
Total		

Foods	Estimated £	Actual £
Mince Pies		
Christmas Pudding		
Other Desserts		
Cheese and Biscuits		
Chocolate Log		
Cream		
Tinned Fruit		
Sponge Fingers		
Jelly		
Christmas Cake		
Nuts		
Sweets		
Biscuits		
Coffee/Tea		
Chocolate		
Total		

Drinks	Estimated £	Actual £
Wine		
Lager or Beer		
Fizzy Drinks		
Fruit Juice		
Liqueurs		
Mulled Wine		
Spirits		
Total		

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

Table	Estimated £	Actual £
Crackers		
Napkins		
Tablecloth		
Candles		
Total		

Going out	Estimated £	Actual £
Clothes and Accessories		
Entertainment		
Travel		
Parties		
Total		

