Thanksgiving Bucket List

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Activities

- Take a group photo at your family gathering.
- Create a Thanksgiving playlist.
- Watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.
- Go on a nature walk or day hike.
- Sign up for a Turkey trot.
- Organize a game of flag football.
- Host a family game night.
- Create a time capsule with family or friends.
- Have a movie night with homemade popcorn.
- Have a bonfire (if safe) and make s'mores.

Food-Themed

- Plan a Friendsgiving potluck.
- Host a pie-baking competition.
- Make homemade apple cider.
- Host a fall-themed drinks and mocktail party.
- Go apple picking.
- Host a cookie decorating contest.
- Plan a Thanksgiving-themed trivia night.
- Turkey-shaped pancake breakfast & toppings bar.
- Host a brunch on Thanksgiving or Black Friday.
- Have a family recipe swap.

Food & Drink

- Mac and Cheese
- Roast Vegetables
- Creamed Corn
- Deviled Eggs
- Apple Pie
- Pecan Pie
- Sweet Potato Pie
- Pumpkin Pie
- Apple Cider
- Wine

Food & Drink

- Roast Turkey
- Honey Glazed Ham
- Cranberry Sauce
- Stuffing/Dressing
- Mashed Potatoes
- Gravy
- Green Bean Casserole
- Sweet Potato Casserole with Marshmallows
- Dinner Rolls
- Cornbread

Decor

- Make a Thanksgiving wreath for the front door.
- Try pumpkin spice or apple-scented candles.
- Put up fairy lights.
- Put together a fall flower arrangement.
- Use fall-themed napkins.
- Carve and decorate pumpkins.
- Create a DIY 'Thankful' banner.
- Make a colorful leaf garland.
- Make a fall table centerpiece with seasonal items.
- Create personalized place cards for your guests.

Gratitude

- Send a care package.
- Host a charity drive.
- Sponsor a family for Thanksgiving.
- Participate in a community cleanup event.
- Bake a pie for your neighbors.
- Deliver meals to seniors.
- Write a personal gratitude list.
- Everyone share one good thing that happened.
- Volunteer at a soup kitchen or shelter.
- Donate food to a food bank.

TV & Movies

- Planes, Trains, and Automobiles (1987)
- A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving (1973)
- Home for the Holidays (1995)
- Dutch (1991)
- Friends – "The One with All the Thanksgivings" (S05, E08)
- Friends – "The One with the Late Thanksgiving" (S10, E08)
- Gilmore Girls – "A Deep-Fried Korean Thanksgiving" (S03, E09)
- Superstore – "Black Friday" (S02, E10)
- Brooklyn Nine-Nine – "Mr. Santiago" (S04, E07)
- Modern Family – "Three Turkeys" (S06, 08)

Board Games

- Sequence
- Scattergories
- Catan
- Ticket to Ride
- Codenames
- Scrabble
- Monopoly
- Pictionary
- Trivial Pursuit
- Apples to Apples

Family

- Connect 4
- Uno
- Candy Land
- Jenga
- Chutes and Ladders
- Scavenger quest
- Talent show after food
- Thanksgiving-themed coloring pages
- Thanksgiving crafts
- Thanksgiving or holiday-themed puzzles

Self-Care

- Delegate tasks to guests or plan Thanksgiving as a potluck.
- Take short breaks throughout the day.
- Listen to a calming playlist while cooking.
- Prepare some of the dishes in advance.
- Have a quiet and cozy room to retreat to.
- Relaxing bath with fall-scented bath products after event.
- Treat yourself to a spa day before or after Thanksgiving.
- Have a good night's sleep before.
- Accept help when offered.
- Unwind with your favorite movie or book after hosting.

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