



Christmas Scavenger Hunt

Grown-up setup sheet & answer key. 12 clue cards on the next pages. Keep this page out of sight!

1 Cut out the cards along the dashed lines (cardstock lasts longer).

2 Hide each card at the spot in its row below. Each spot is the answer to the card before it.

3 Hide the prize at the last spot: it's the answer to card 12.

4 Hand card 1 to your hunter and say "go!"

CARD	HIDE IT HERE	ANSWER TO
☐ 1	Hand this card to your hunter to begin.	
☐ 2	On the bathroom mirror	Card 1
☐ 3	In the freezer	Card 2
☐ 4	Under a couch cushion	Card 3
☐ 5	In the kitchen cupboard	Card 4
☐ 6	In the closet	Card 5
☐ 7	In the washing machine	Card 6
☐ 8	On the bookshelf	Card 7
☐ 9	In the sock drawer	Card 8
☐ 10	In the microwave	Card 9
☐ 11	Under the kitchen table	Card 10
☐ 12	Under a lamp	Card 11
☐ Prize 	Under the Christmas tree	Card 12 (last)

Tips for a smooth hunt

- Safety first: the microwave and washer must be off and cool. Stick a note on the door so nobody switches it on mid-hunt.
- Hide them backwards: prize first, then the highest card down to card 2, so nothing gets found early.
- Fold each card in half so peeking hunters can't read ahead, and tuck a corner out so it is findable.
- More than one hunter? Take turns reading each card aloud, and let the youngest open the prize.

1

Start here!

1 of 12

*Santa's elves have left a trail;
follow it and you can't fail!*

Put on your Christmas sweater, then
come see yourself and grin again!
Peek around my shiny frame:
a clue is waiting, that's the game!

2

Clue 2

2 of 12

It's colder here than snowy streets;
a snowman would love my icy treats!
Open me fast, then shut me tight:
your clue's as cold as a winter night!

3

Clue 3

3 of 12

Grandpa naps on me Christmas Day
while cousins laugh and kittens play.
Dig between my cushions deep:
a clue is hiding where he sleeps!

4

Clue 4

4 of 12

I hold the mugs for cocoa nights
and cookie plates, all stacked just right.
Open my doors and take a look:
an elf tucked a clue in my nook!

5

Clue 5

5 of 12

Your winter sweaters live in me,
and maybe gifts you shouldn't see!
Peek inside, but just for the clue:
no peeking at presents, that's not for you!

6

Clue 6

6 of 12

Spilled some cocoa on your sweater?
I'll swish and wash and make it better!
I'm switched off now, so open wide:
an elf hid a clue right inside!

7

Clue 7

7 of 12

A Christmas tale, a snowy rhyme:
I hold the books for Christmastime.
Look between each holiday book:
a clue is there for those who look!

8

Clue 8

8 of 12

Fuzzy, stripy, spotty pairs
are tucked in me, with some odd spares.
Pull me open, look inside:
your next clue's where the pairs all hide!

9

Clue 9

9 of 12

Hot cocoa? Pop the mug in me,
I'll beep when it's warm, just wait and see.
Open my door, it's not a trick:
an elf left your next clue here, quick!

10

Clue 10

10 of 12

Christmas dinner, ham and pie,
and cookies stacked up oh-so-high
are served on me. Now crawl below:
a clue is stuck there! Ho ho ho!

11

Clue 11

11 of 12

When winter nights get dark at four,
I glow so you can see some more.
Check beneath my shade and base:
an elf hid a clue in this place!

12

Last clue!

12 of 12

Your surprise is hiding...
I'm green and tall with needles fine
and lights that twinkle, glow and shine.
Now hurry there, the hunt is done:
your Christmas surprise! Oh, what fun!

Merry Christmas!