

Funny Elf Ideas

Silly scenes worth a giggle at breakfast. A 25-night plan: one idea a night, tick the box when it's done.

DEC 1 ☐ Chilling in the Freezer Need: sticky note 5 min · no mess · funny	DEC 2 ☐ Remote Ransom Need: TV remote, note 5 min · no mess · funny	DEC 3 ☐ Spa Night Need: two cucumber slices, washcloth no mess · funny	DEC 4 ☐ Toy Car Rally Need: toy cars, a hardcover book no mess · funny	DEC 5 ☐ Paper Airplane Hangar Need: printer paper funny
DEC 6 ☐ Too Many Sprinkles Need: large jar, sign 5 min · no mess · funny	DEC 7 ☐ Glove Puppet Choir Need: gloves, paper, tape no mess · funny	DEC 8 ☐ Ribbon Swing Need: ribbon 5 min · no mess · funny	DEC 9 ☐ Gift-Wrapped Door Need: wrapping paper, tape funny · cheeky	DEC 10 ☐ Elf Selfies Need: a grown-up's phone no mess · funny
DEC 11 ☐ Cereal Box Stakeout Need: cereal box, two bottle caps 5 min · no mess · funny	DEC 12 ☐ Puppet Show Need: cardboard box, socks no mess · funny	DEC 13 ☐ How Many Elves Tall Need: tape measure, paper no mess · funny	DEC 14 ☐ Elf Yoga Need: washcloth 5 min · no mess · funny	DEC 15 ☐ Snowball Toss Game Need: laundry basket, cotton balls or socks no mess · funny
DEC 16 ☐ Snow Day Pajamas Need: a clean sock, sign 5 min · no mess · funny	DEC 17 ☐ Zip-Line Adventure Need: string or yarn, a binder clip no mess · funny	DEC 18 ☐ Laundry Day Need: doll clothes or socks, string, two mugs no mess · funny	DEC 19 ☐ Holiday Joke Morning Need: printed note strips 5 min · no mess · funny	DEC 20 ☐ Sticky Note Takeover Need: sticky notes funny · cheeky
DEC 21 ☐ Cooking Lessons Need: cookbook, sticky note 5 min · no mess · funny	DEC 22 ☐ Kitchen Band Need: pot, wooden spoon 5 min · no mess · funny	DEC 23 ☐ Elf Bowling Need: 6 toilet paper rolls, small ball no mess · funny	DEC 24 ☐ Bubble Wrap Path Need: bubble wrap 5 min · no mess · funny	DEC 25 ☐ Seat Belt On Need: shoebox lid, ribbon no mess · funny

Orange squares: the arrival and the goodbye. Setups, supplies and a checklist are on the next pages. Swap any night for one you like better.

Night by night

Set it up after bedtime. Everything uses things you already have.

- ☐ **Dec 1** **Chilling in the Freezer** 5 min no mess funny
The elf is found in the freezer door with a sign: "Still cold from the trip. Give me five minutes." **You need:** sticky note.
- ☐ **Dec 2** **Remote Ransom** 5 min no mess funny
The elf holds the TV remote with a note: "Returned after ten minutes of outdoor play." **You need:** TV remote, note.
- ☐ **Dec 3** **Spa Night** no mess funny
The elf relaxes with cucumber slices on its eyes and a washcloth towel turban. **You need:** two cucumber slices, washcloth.
- ☐ **Dec 4** **Toy Car Rally** no mess funny
The elf lines up toy cars at the top of a book ramp, ready for the big race. **You need:** toy cars, a hardcover book.
- ☐ **Dec 5** **Paper Airplane Hangar** funny
The elf has a fleet of paper airplanes lined up: "Test flights in the hallway." **You need:** printer paper.
- ☐ **Dec 6** **Too Many Sprinkles** 5 min no mess funny
The elf is in a big empty jar with a sign: "Help! I ate all the sprinkles." **You need:** large jar, sign.
- ☐ **Dec 7** **Glove Puppet Choir** no mess funny
The elf conducts a choir of winter gloves with faces drawn on paper tags. **You need:** gloves, paper, tape.
- ☐ **Dec 8** **Ribbon Swing** 5 min no mess funny
The elf swings from a cabinet handle on a ribbon swing. **You need:** ribbon.
- ☐ **Dec 9** **Gift-Wrapped Door** funny cheeky
The elf has wrapped a bedroom door in wrapping paper. The kids have to burst through it. **You need:** wrapping paper, tape.
- ☐ **Dec 10** **Elf Selfies** no mess funny
The elf "took selfies" overnight. A grown-up snaps a few photos of the elf posing to show at breakfast. **You need:** a grown-up's phone.
- ☐ **Dec 11** **Cereal Box Stakeout** 5 min no mess funny
The elf peeks out of the cereal box, binoculars made from two bottle caps held to its eyes. **You need:** cereal box, two bottle caps.
- ☐ **Dec 12** **Puppet Show** no mess funny
The elf is behind a cardboard-box theater with sock puppets, ready for the morning show. **You need:** cardboard box, socks.

Night by night

- ☐ **Dec 13** **How Many Elves Tall** no mess funny
The elf holds a tape measure and a list: "How many elves tall is everybody?" **You need:** tape measure, paper.
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- ☐ **Dec 14** **Elf Yoga** 5 min no mess funny
The elf holds a yoga pose on a washcloth mat: "Morning stretch with me?" **You need:** washcloth.
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- ☐ **Dec 15** **Snowball Toss Game** no mess funny
The elf set up a laundry basket target and cotton-ball snowballs: three throws each. **You need:** laundry basket, cotton balls or socks.
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- ☐ **Dec 16** **Snow Day Pajamas** 5 min no mess funny
The elf is wearing a sock sleeping bag and holds a sign: "Pajama day today?" **You need:** a clean sock, sign.
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- ☐ **Dec 17** **Zip-Line Adventure** no mess funny
The elf zips across the living room on string tied low between two chair backs. **You need:** string or yarn, a binder clip.
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- ☐ **Dec 18** **Laundry Day** no mess funny
The elf hung doll clothes on a string clothesline between two mugs. **You need:** doll clothes or socks, string, two mugs.
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- ☐ **Dec 19** **Holiday Joke Morning** 5 min no mess funny
The elf left a joke on a note strip at each breakfast plate. **You need:** printed note strips.
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- ☐ **Dec 20** **Sticky Note Takeover** funny cheeky
The elf covered a cabinet in sticky notes shaped like a Christmas tree. **You need:** sticky notes.
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- ☐ **Dec 21** **Cooking Lessons** 5 min no mess funny
The elf is reading a cookbook upside down, with a note: "Learning to cook. Going well." **You need:** cookbook, sticky note.
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- ☐ **Dec 22** **Kitchen Band** 5 min no mess funny
The elf leads a pots-and-wooden-spoon band, ready for a morning concert. **You need:** pot, wooden spoon.
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- ☐ **Dec 23** **Elf Bowling** no mess funny
The elf set up toilet paper roll pins and a small ball for a bowling match. **You need:** 6 toilet paper rolls, small ball.
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- ☐ **Dec 24** **Bubble Wrap Path** 5 min no mess funny
The elf laid bubble wrap down the hallway for a crunchy wake-up walk. **You need:** bubble wrap.
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- ☐ **Dec 25** **Seat Belt On** no mess funny
The elf is buckled into the shoebox sleigh with a ribbon seat belt, pointed toward the door. **You need:** shoebox lid, ribbon.

Elf supplies checklist

Gather these into one "elf box" before the season starts, and the late nights run themselves

☐ sticky note	Dec 1, 21	☐ socks	Dec 12
☐ TV remote	Dec 2	☐ tape measure	Dec 13
☐ note	Dec 2	☐ laundry basket	Dec 15
☐ two cucumber slices	Dec 3	☐ cotton balls or socks	Dec 15
☐ washcloth	Dec 3, 14	☐ a clean sock	Dec 16
☐ toy cars	Dec 4	☐ string or yarn	Dec 17
☐ a hardcover book	Dec 4	☐ a binder clip	Dec 17
☐ printer paper	Dec 5	☐ doll clothes or socks	Dec 18
☐ large jar	Dec 6	☐ string	Dec 18
☐ sign	Dec 6, 16	☐ two mugs	Dec 18
☐ gloves	Dec 7	☐ printed note strips	Dec 19
☐ paper	Dec 7, 13	☐ sticky notes	Dec 20
☐ tape	Dec 7, 9	☐ cookbook	Dec 21
☐ ribbon	Dec 8, 25	☐ pot	Dec 22
☐ wrapping paper	Dec 9	☐ wooden spoon	Dec 22
☐ a grown-up's phone	Dec 10	☐ 6 toilet paper rolls	Dec 23
☐ cereal box	Dec 11	☐ small ball	Dec 23
☐ two bottle caps	Dec 11	☐ bubble wrap	Dec 24
☐ cardboard box	Dec 12	☐ shoebox lid	Dec 25

Elf tip: 3 of these 25 ideas need a little tidy-up; the rest leave no mess at all. Nothing here needs anything hot, sharp or high up. Pick the night before, not the week before: a surprise found at 7 a.m. beats a plan made on Sunday.

Notes from the elf

Cut along the dashed lines and leave one beside the elf. The last one is for your own words.

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR ELF · NORTH POLE

Hello again! I have one job: tell the North Pole all the kind things I see. I already have notebooks ready.

Your elf

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR ELF · NORTH POLE

My hat fell off during a top-secret mission. If you find it, act natural.

Your elf

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR ELF · NORTH POLE

Report to the North Pole: humans here snore in four different keys. Very musical.

Your elf

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR ELF · NORTH POLE

Do NOT tell the North Pole about the marshmallows. They were already open. Mostly.

Your elf

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR ELF · NORTH POLE

I practiced my flying. Three loops, one landing, two apologies to the houseplant.

Your elf

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR ELF · NORTH POLE

I tried to bake cookies last night. The oven and I are no longer speaking.

Your elf

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR ELF · NORTH POLE
