This complete budget outlines nearly every possible Christmas expenditure. No family will have all of these expenses, of course, but there will probably be many more incidentals than you expected. Fill in realistic estimates or write in what you spent last year. If you are uncertain, use the highest figure. Things cost a lot these days! When you have written an estimate for each item in column one, total everything on the last page. Then compare the entire cost with the amount you have on hand to help yourself plan for next year. Be sure to fill in this year's amounts, either as you actually spend them or very soon after the holidays.

20 Budgeted Amount \$

## GIFTS

Gifts for family \& friends

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9. $\qquad$ $\longrightarrow$
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Special gifts for others (Postman, boss, newspaper carrier, teachers)
1.
2. $\qquad$
3. $\qquad$ $\longrightarrow$
4.
$\qquad$
6. $\qquad$
Gift Wrapping
Wrapping paper, tissue, brown paper for mailing
Ribbon, bows, tags
Tape (Scotch, masking, strapping)
Special mailing boxes, cartons, tubes,
$\qquad$ $\square$ padded envelopes
Professional gift wrapping
(about \$3 per package)
Charities \& Church Donations
1.
2. $\qquad$
3. $\qquad$

## FOOD

| Christmas dinner ingredients |
| :--- |
| Christmas Eve food |
| Special hostess food (eggnog, punch, |
| nuts, snack foods) |
| Baking ingredients for cookies, cakes |
| New kitchen equipment (cookie cutters, |
| food processor, food molds) |
| Food for potluck suppers |
| Paper plates, cups, napkins |
| Special liners (tablecloths, placemats) <br> Convenience/restaurant food for the <br> family (to relieve the cook of kitchen <br> duties during the busy season) |

## TRAVEL

Local travel for shopping, attending events

## Gasoline

Bus, subway fares, taxi


## Long distance travel

Airline, train, or bus tickets, gasoline
Meals on the road
Lodging
Miscellaneous (maps, disposable diapers, pet boarding, luggage purchase, car maintenance, rental car, house gifts, souvenirs, parking and toll fees)

## ENTERTAINING

Food, beverages or catering
Function \#1:
Function \#2:
Function \#3:
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
Invitations, postage
Function \#1: $\qquad$ $\xrightarrow{\square}$
Function \#2: $\qquad$
Function \#3: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
x \$ $\qquad$ = \$

HOUSE GUESTS

| Number of Times Cost of Each | total |
| :---: | :---: |
| Eating out, tips |  |
| New linens (sheets, blankets, towels) |  |
| Higher utility bills |  |
| Entertainment of guests |  |
| Museum, movie, concert |  |
| Extra gasoline costs |  |
| Games, toys for visiting children |  |
| Home items (new furniture, curtains, |  | slipcovers)

## MISCELLANEOUS

Christmas catalogs
Camera film, supplies, developing
Christmas CDs, tapes
Tickets for special holiday events
Wood for fireplace
Dry cleaning
New houseplants
Professional housecleaning, carpet cleaning
Redecorating
Home repairs
Long distance phone calls
Haircuts, beauty parlor
Advent/Christmas books


## totals

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