

For you...

There was a year, not too long ago, that I had it all together on December 25. Everyone had a simple gift under the tree they really wanted, the fireplace had a few Christmasy plants, the stockings were hung and thoughtfully filled, a yummy Christmas lunch awaited us.

This particular year was also the year I started my New Year planning ritual, so there was a lot of mama self care weaved into the week.

The hitch... I forgot about breakfast on Christmas morning. I forgot that kids might want dinner after lunch. The 26th was a food black whole. I had only thought about lunch and the markets were closed.

Thank goodness I have an innovative, foodie husband and a well-filled pantry which made the actual day fine. But the days after Christmas were more of a scramble than I wanted. They pulled me right out of the magic I had worked hard to create. So the next year, I made a plan. And now I make sure I know what is going down on these days.

I write down when someone else will feed us. I mark when I need to pull things out of the freezer. I know where everything will come from and when and how it will feed us. Mapping this out is like a big hug, and the best present I give myself.

It keeps me relaxed, present and in the flow... Hope it helps you too.

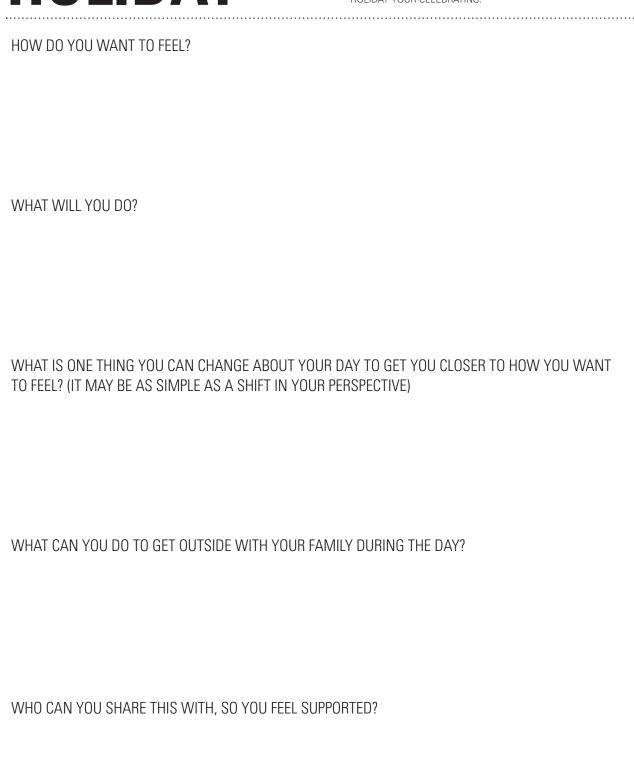
Remember, this is not about all the things you have to cook. You may choose to cook, but the magic is in making choices about what you and your family will eat in advance, so holiday food does not add any stress.

Yours,









# **IDEAS LIST**

WHAT ARE ALL THE POSSIBLE FOOD IDEAS YOU HAVE LEADING UP TO THE HOLIDAY AND COMING OUT OF IT?

TIP: Don't think about recipes, stick with what you know right now. If you only know you want a protein and two side dishes, write that (each in there own space. If you know you want to make your grandmother's pumpkin pie, write that. Then figure out your next step. Once you have the food worked out put it into time on the following pages.

FOOD IDEA	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
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### **WEDNESDAY 11.24**

BREAKFAST	INGREDIENTS	PREP AHEAD OF TIME (NOTE DATE YOU WILL PREP)
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LUNCH		0
		0
		MOVE FOOD FORWARD
		0
DINNER		0
		0
		TO-DO BEFORE BED
SNACK		0
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WHAT DO I NEED TO LET GO OF BEFORE THANKS		
LESSONS LEARNED		

### **THURSDAY 11.25**

BREAKFAST	INGREDIENTS	PREP AHEAD OF TIME (NOTE DATE YOU WILL PREP)
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DINNER		0
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		TO-DO BEFORE BED
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WHAT AM I GRATEFUL FOR TODAY?		
LESSONS LEARNED		

## **FRIDAY 11.26**

BREAKFAST	INGREDIENTS	PREP AHEAD OF TIME (NOTE DATE YOU WILL PREP)
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LUNCH		0
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		TO-DO BEFORE BED
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HOW CAN I NOURISH MYSELF TODAY?		
LESSONS LEARNED		

## **MEAL PLAN**

DATE:

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TODAY I WILL SIMPLIFY BY		
LESSONS LEARNED		