



# REMEMBER DESSERTS



# DO'S AND DON'TS

DO PRIORITIZE

DO MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

DO ENJOY GUESTS

DON'T SKIP QUIET TIME

DON'T TRY TO MEET ALL EXPECTATIONS

## DIM LIGHTS AND CANDLES



# EXPERIMENT

FIND IDEAS & TRY SOMETHING NEW  
DANGLE ORNAMENTS  
MOVE THINGS AROUND (MANGER)  
PUT RIBBON PIECES & BALLS IN VASE



# STAY SIMPLE

KNOW DIFFICULT + TIME CONSUMING  $\neq$  BETTER

USE PAPER PRODUCTS

VISIT COSTCO, TJ'S, WHOLE FOODS

MIX HOMEMADE & STORE BOUGHT (DISH)

CHOOSE  $\leq$  5 INGREDIENT RECIPES





## INGREDIENTS:

2 CUPS SHREDDED SHARP CHEDDAR  
CHEESE (8 OZ)

1 ¼ CUPS ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR

½ CUP BUTTER, MELTED

48 SMALL PIMENTO-STUFFED OLIVES,  
DRAINED AND PATTED DRY

## DIRECTIONS

STIR TOGETHER CHEESE AND FLOUR IN BOWL. STIR IN BUTTER UNTIL FULLY MIXED.

MOLD 1 TEASPOON DOUGH AROUND EACH OLIVE; SHAPE INTO BALL. PLACE 2 INCHES APART ON UNGREASED COOKIE SHEET. COVER AND REFRIGERATE 1-24 HOURS; OR FREEZE.

HEAT OVEN TO 400°F. BAKE 15-20 MINUTES OR UNTIL LIGHT BROWN.









## INGREDIENTS:

1 JAR PICKLED OKRA  
1 CONTAINER/PACKAGE  
CREAM CHEESE  
SLICED HAM

## DIRECTIONS

BRING CREAM CHEESE TO ROOM TEMPERATURE AND SPREAD THIN LAYER OVER 1 HAM SLICE.

CUT ENDS OFF OKRA AND PLACE OKRA OVER CREAM CHEESE AT 1 END OF HAM SLICE.

ROLL UP AND REFRIGERATE UNTIL FIRM ENOUGH TO SLICE INTO 1/4" SWIRLS.

LAY FLAT ON SERVING PLATTER.

## Other easy ideas

- Cheese tray – add a few nuts and/or olives
- Pimento cheese
- Mini phyllo cups





# SALVAGE THE OLD

SPRAY PAINT/GLITTER

MIX HOMEMADE ORNAMENTS WITH NEW  
FIND NEW USES FOR OLD TREASURES

BROOCHES & CARDS

USE FABRIC FOR TREE SKIRT

USE BROKEN ORNAMENTS



# EXERCISE CREATIVITY

USE SEASHELLS OR PINECONES OR BERRIES

REPURPOSE ITEMS (BOAS)

MAKE LEFT-OVERS 'NEW'

SWEET POTATO PANCAKES

TURKEY SOUP

SET TABLE LIKE A PRO (FABRIC, SCARF, DOILIES)



# REDUCE STRESS

DO A COUNTDOWN CALENDAR


PREPARE FOOD/TEA/CIDER AHEAD

SET TABLE IN ADVANCE

DECORATE EARLY

KEEP AN APPETIZER HANDY

SAY 'YES' TO HELP



# TRADE TO-DO LISTS

TREES & COOKING  
COOKIE EXCHANGE





# SAVOR OUR SAVIOR

FOCUS ON HIM

SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY/FRIENDS

MAKE MEMORIES

EAT DESSERTS!