

# The Awesome Frugal Christmas: How To Save Christmas When Times Are Hard

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The holiday season. For many, it's a time for celebration, and for many more it's time of expenses and digging into their savings account. Believe it or not, there's a way to have a full Christmas season, filled with delicious foods and presents galore, without having to take out a second mortgage. Explore the various ways of saving money without skimping on the fun and joy of the holiday season.

## Frugal Christmas Shopping

Reduce the amount of money you must spend on various Christmas items by avoiding marketing gimmicks and delving into the realm of true savings. The following five methods can be used to purchase all your essential items without breaking the bank.

## Coupons, Coupons and More Coupons

Cutting coupons may seem like an archaic way to save money, but this is still the top way to save money on common Christmas items. However, don't rely on your weekly newspaper for the best coupons. Seek out online coupon sites to find the most recent, and most valuable, coupons. The following resources continually update their database with the best deals:

[Southern Savers](#) - With over 10,000 coupons at any given moment, this is truly a treasure-trove of coupons for all things Christmas...and beyond!

[Money Saving Mom](#) - This coupon database offers coupons by category. Can't find what you're looking for? It's searchable database makes finding the best coupon that much easier.

[Hot Coupon World](#) - With a community of over 330,000 members, this is one of the most comprehensive resources for coupons and coupon shopping techniques. Expand your bank account, along with your knowledge of couponing.

[Couponing 101](#) - Unlike other resources, this site offers a coupon database along with lessons in maximizing your savings via coupons and other money-saving systems.

[Amazon Coupon page](#) - 100s of money off coupons for all manner of goods sold on Amazon. There are some big savings to be had here!

## Ditch the Store and Shop Online

Some of the most savvy shoppers never step foot in a retail store. Instead, their mass amount of savings is found via online retail shops. eCommerce shops, such as Amazon and eBay, offer access to deeply discounted deals. However, there are literally thousands of specialty online retailers. Find the best deals online by searching for retailers that specialize in items and products you desire. Of course, always double-check their price with that of their largest competitors, such as [Amazon.com](#). In fact Amazon is often one of the cheapest places anyway. Be sure to check out the [Amazon coupon page](#) and their [Deals of the day](#) page for even greater savings.

## Frugal Food

One of the most expensive aspects of Christmas is the food. With dinner parties, friend gatherings and the big holiday feast, the cost of Christmas meals can be crippling. Avoid this situation by adjusting your menu to a more cost-effective meal plan. With the following recipes, your friends and family will melt into the deliciousness of your food...and you'll melt into the savings you experienced.

[The Frugal Girls - Crockpot Christmas Recipes](#) - Preparing food in a crock pot allows you to mix low-cost ingredients and transform them into a delicious and plentiful meal. Check out their list of Christmas crock pot recipes for every meal and occasion.

[25+ Recipes by RecipieLion.com](#) - explore over 25 different recipes that are not only known for their flavor, but also their cost-effectiveness. Who said you can't eat like a King on a budget?

[300+ Cost-Effective Christmas Recipes](#) - Do you have a picky eater? Are you on a serious budget? If you are, then you'll enjoy this massive list of Christmas recipes cultivated by Recipe Lion.

[Christman Dinner for Under \\$5 a Person](#) - Want to enjoy the best Christmas dinner for less than the cost of a fast food meal? Follow these recipes to enjoy a tasty meal without having to spend a fortune.

[Cheap Christmas Food Gifts](#) - Sometimes the best way to say "Merry Christmas" is with a delicious food gift. Unfortunately, gift-sized food options are often quite expensive. Let this list of 12 Christmas food gift ideas inspire you without costing an arm-and-a-leg.

[35 Easy and Cheap Christmas Recipes](#) - Restaurant quality food doesn't have to come with a high price tag, or a difficult set of instructions. Real Simple has cultivated a list of 35 easy Christmas dinner recipes that are sure to please even the most picky of eaters.

[95 Easy, Delicious, and Cheap, Christmas Recipes by Jamie Oliver](#) - Jamie Oliver is known as one of the most influential cooks in the world. Fortunately, he's cultivated a list of over 95 recipes that are not only easy for novice cooks, but also budget-friendly. Use these recipes to test your culinary skills to create a delicious and one-of-a-kind Christmas meal.

## **Things to Make - Cheap and Fun Christmas Decorations, Gifts and More**

Christmas decorations can be one of the most expensive portions of your holiday budget. However, when you combine the cost of decorations with the cost of gifts and other miscellaneous items, this joyful holiday will soon become one of stress and financial worries. Stop letting your bank account determine how festive you can become. Utilize the information within the below resources to create a magical, and cost-effective, Christmas holiday season.

[Cheap Christmas Gift Ideas for the Budget-Minded by Organized Home](#) - This resource lists several Christmas gift ideas and decorating tips for those who wish to enjoy the holiday season without the stress of spending a ton of money.

[77+ Cheap and Beautiful Christmas Gift Ideas](#) - Wealth Informatics has created a comprehensive list of various holiday gift ideas that are not only easy to make, but extremely cost-effective. Utilize

this resource to find gift ideas for every person on your holiday gift list.

[25 Christmas Decoration Ideas for a Cost-Effective Christmas](#) - Want to make your own Christmas decorations to help save money? If so, then this list created by Reader's Digest will provide you with plenty of inspiration to make your home festive without being expensive.

[20 Christmas Decoration Ideas from the Dollar Store](#) - Stop spending a massive amount of money on a single decoration. This this extensive list of 20 Christmas decoration ideas from Babble, you can decorate every corner of your home with items found at your local Dollar Store.

[List of Frugal Christmas Decoration Ideas from The Dollar Stretcher](#) - Stop spending top dollar for Christmas decorations that you could easily make yourself for a fraction of the cost. Utilize this list as a means of gaining inspiration for current and future projects.

[Frugal Decoration Ideas by Bargain Babe](#) - This list of frugal Christmas decoration ideas is not only designed to save you a decent amount of money, but also provide ideas that are simple and easy. Learn tricks for decorating large rooms or adding unique lighting by utilizing wine bottles.

[Inexpensive Christmas Decorating ideas by Frugal Living NW](#) - Learn techniques, such as using outdoor items and finding cheap ways to transform any room into a Winter Wonderland. Explore this immense list for a myriad of decoration ideas. Explore other sections of the site to learn different frugal living tips.

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