



Christmas Organizing

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Planting the Seeds of Christmas Organizing

A Candy Cane is the main symbol of Christmas Organizing. For this reason they are handed out at many of our events BUT they are not always available year-round. So while looking for candy canes for one event I ran across some peppermints. The immediate thought was “candy cane seeds!” This started me thinking—Christmas Organizing is not about us creating a final product for you but rather giving you the seeds to help you plan and prepare the Christmas

season you dream of.

The first seed you will receive is “Getting Started” which will guide you through setting up a Christmas Notebook, creating a Christmas Organizing Center, and reflecting on Christmas—all things that will be indispensable to you throughout your planning.

Over the next 12 weeks we will be helping you plant your seeds of Christmas. Once they are planted Christmas Organizing will be here to help you water

and grow your plans, allowing you to have the Christmas you dream of full of friends, family, love and be Christ centered.

Planning and organizing your Christmas NOW will help you reach your Christmas dreams!



Candy Cane
Seeds

Creating a Christmas Organizing Center

Do you often find that when you want to work on your Christmas Organizing planning your time is taken up by finding all the things you need to work on? As time has gone by, I have realized that the things I need to help me get (and stay) organized extend beyond my Christmas Organizing notebook.

Often I would find myself surrounded by a file box,

catalogs, idea books, current projects, plus other items I was working on for the holiday season. Due to this, I have created a “Christmas Organizing Center.”

There are several ways to create your center and numerous items to put into your center. Everyone must customize their center to how they work. The supplies to keep in your center should be

unique to you and your planning goal but might include the following items:

- Christmas Organizing Notebook (3 ring binder)
- Writing supplies
- File box to keep your Christmas Contact Cards, Menu Planning Cards, and Gift Box Inventory Cards in and organized

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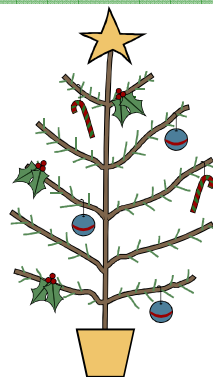
Candy Cane Club Benefits

Christmas Organizing is proud to offer members of the Candy Cane Club the following benefits for one year for only \$12.25 (that is only \$1.02 per month!):

- Club Only Content—New articles will be put up each month relating to the topic of the month (see below for topics) - while basic information will be available to everyone, members will get additional information, articles and ideas in the Club section.
- 15 minute personal phone consultation with Krisann Blair, The Christmas Coach, a \$15 value

(limited to the first 500 members)

- Newsletter Archives of both the weekly and monthly newsletters in a printable version to take on the road with your or print out and put into your Christmas Organizing Notebook.
- Club members only chats (at least one a month)
- Access to Christmas Organizing Forms to help you better organize for the Christmas season.
- 25% Discount on regularly priced



Christmas Organizing merchandise.

- Candy Cane Club Newsletter about upcoming events, specials, etc. just for members.
- Organizing by Your Personality advice by Cassandra R. Cooper, Certified Personality Coach, throughout the year
- One search word puzzle designed for you, using words you supply
- Discounts at CO Workshops
- Plus more benefits will be added throughout the year!

Charter Members Will Receive Extra Benefits!

Sign up to as a member of the Christmas Organizing Candy Cane Club September—December 2006 and you will qualify as a Charter Member.

What does this mean? Simply put this means you will get

special treatment and recognition for years to come! The first benefit you will get is that you will always be able to renew your membership each year



for only \$12.25 as long as you keep your membership current, no matter if the price increases for new members.

Upcoming Events for Christmas Organizing/Krisann Blair

- **October 11-15, 2006**—Krisann will be speaking at the Glorieta Christian Writers Conference in Glorieta, NM
- **November 2, 2006**—Krisann will be speaking on Creating a Christmas Notebook at the “Girls Night Out” event at the Jackson Country Club, Jackson, TN



- **November 11, 2006**—Krisann will be speaking on “It’s Not Too Late to Organize for Christmas” in Jackson, TN 1—3 pm—no charge but you must have a reservation by calling 731-234-2881.

Krisann is available to speak at for your church, club, etc.—No charge for non-profits—only travel expenses if the location is out of town. Call 731-234-2881 for more information and topics..

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- Catalogs and magazines for ideas for gifts, recipes, and decorating.
- Books that will help you with your Christmas planning
- Current crafting projects
- Envelopes to keep receipts in as you purchase Christmas related items

Now you must gather up all the items you normally use when working on your Christmas Planning plus anything you wish you had when working (like a Christmas CD) and

place them in a chair or on the couch.

Next, decide if your center needs to be portable or not. Portable centers can be kept in a large basket, tote bag, crate, etc. If you like to work on your organizing in one location find a shelf near your area you can place your items on. If the shelf is out in the open, dress it up! Let it be known this is your Christmas Organizing center to others and a reminder to yourself to work on your holiday plan.



A Christmas Organizing Center can be portable so you can take it with you throughout the year

Now add those extra touches to your center. Christmas candle, peppermints (candy cane seeds), Christmas CD, pictures of your family at Christmas, a Bible, etc.—personalize your center and let it remind you why it is important to plan and have a less stressful holiday season!

Creating a Christmas Organizing Notebook

Your Christmas notebook is the foundation of your organization for the holiday season! By creating a notebook, you will have everything at your fingertips and you can continuously reference it for reminders and direction concerning your holiday plans. Most people do not have exactly identical lives, therefore, your notebook will be unique to you and your family. There is not a one size fits all when it comes to creating your notebook—you must personalize it to your family's special celebration style. Think of your notebook as your road map to Christmas—holding all your dreams, desires, and special touches.

What should be in your notebook? Well that is up to you! No one can tell you the exactly what to put into your notebook because you must personalize your notebook to your family and create a holiday organizing road map to help you celebrate your own special holiday season. Some basic guidelines to create your notebook include:

A 3-ring binder—make sure this is large enough to contain all of your information.

You may wish to start out by using a smaller notebook and upgrade later to a larger notebook. If you notice one area of your notebook, like crafts for example, getting too large, you may want to consider having a separate notebook for that particular section.

The list below is a suggestion of items to have when working on your notebook. You may want to add other items, as you need them.

3 hole punch

Index dividers for 3 ring binder

Slash pocket folders or page protectors for keeping loose items in (example: recipe or craft ideas from magazines, receipts from gifts you purchase, etc.)

Notebook paper

Zippered pouch to hold pens, pencils and other loose items

Pages designed with photo pockets on them (usually 4 to a page) where you can put recipe cards and/or address cards

Creating Sections for Your Notebook

Using your notebook dividers, decide what areas are the most important to you and make those YOUR tabs. It would be unfair

of me to decide what your tabs are for you without your input. Everyone's notebook will be different because everyone has their own traditions and celebrations during the holiday season. Think of all the things you do at Christmas and make a tab for each of them. Personally, I have found that the more divisions I have, even within the category itself, the better I do because it looks like a smaller goal and not this "big project" making it easier to tackle. Here is an example from my notebook:

Christmas card list & addresses

Gifts (Gift Box, Gift List, Gifts from the Heart and General Gift Ideas)

Calendar (for all year)

Activities to do

Crafts

Baking/recipes

Cooking/recipes

Decorating

Entertaining

Cleaning

You can find forms to download for each area in the Candy Cane Club section of the website for even more help.

Christmas Search Puzzle #1

Find the words in the grid. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.

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Christmas	Nativity
Cookies	Ornament
Gifts	Snow
Gingerbread	Snowman
Jesus	Tree
Manger	

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Journaling for Christmas

One of the first steps for creating your holiday notebook is to do a reflecting exercise. When I was in school I thought the brainstorming part of writing was not needed - I would just dive in and start writing - but I learned this is the most important part of creating your holiday notebook! You may do your writing exercise in list or paragraph form, which ever way is easiest. Find a piece of notebook paper to do this exercise on. Here are some ideas of things you can write about:

- What were your favorite parts of Christmas last year?
- What was the worst part of Christmas last year?
- What things did you not get to last year that you wish you had? (like sending Christmas cards out on time)

- Describe your most memorable Christmas
- Why was this Christmas so memorable?
- List some of the Christmas traditions you had growing up.



Journaling about Christmas can help you reflect on how you want to celebrate Christmas

- Do you still do some of these things now?
- Are there traditions from your past you would like to start again?
- List any new traditions you would like to start this year.
- List any activities you and your family must do in order for it to feel like it is Christmas.
- Ask your immediate family members about their favorite traditions and activities and write those down.

Use these ideas to help you begin your journey to Organizing for Christmas. Visit the web site for more Journaling prompts at www.ChristmasOrganizing.com