



GUIDE TO  
*Thanksgiving*

OUR TOP TIPS & TRICKS

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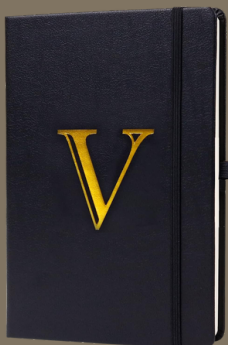
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It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just a few days away! I have little butterflies raging a little storm in me just thinking about pulling off the most spectacular year EVER! I'm always trying to one-up myself and I've realized the best way to do that is... to NOT do that!

Basically, after hosting many Thanksgivings (& with so many of them abroad!), I've realized that the day is really about good food, good friends and family, and celebrating all the things we are thankful for.

I've also learned that planning ahead is a total game changer, so with a notebook in hand (brownie points if it's monogrammed!), I plan out the menu and everything from the tools to the ingredients I will need!

I hope you will enjoy our little guide and find loads of inspiration! xxV



Monogrammed  
Notebook



Croc Pen



Sweet Treat

I like to make even the planning an event worth remembering. These chocolate dipped apricots are just the thing!



# In the Kitchen

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Cooking in the kitchen doesn't have to be a chore, but I do love to wear something comfortable and chic, like a cashmere sweater and a pair of faux leather pants. Velvet loafers add just the right amount of luxury to the event, along with a beautiful pair of earrings!



Casual + Chic + Cozy

I ALWAYS TEASE MY HUSBAND & KIDS THAT THEY HAVE TO PAY THE "MOM TAX" WHICH IN OUR HOUSE REFERS TO A KISS FOR THE COOK!





# Cooking Essentials

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I like to review my recipes and make sure I own all the cooking tools I will need to make them!

## MEAT THERMOMETER



FORGET STICKING YOUR TURKEY OVER AND OVER! GRAB THIS DIGITAL VERSION THAT CONNECTS TO YOUR PHONE!



## CAST IRON

GIVES YOUR MAC N' CHEESE EXTRA CRISPY EDGES



## POPOVER PAN

SKIP THE BLAH ROLLS & MAKE THESE ROSEMARY BUTTER POPOVERS INSTEAD! (TAP PIC FOR RECIPE!)

## CHARCOAL GRILL

FORGET THE OVEN. COOK YOUR TURKEY IN YOUR CHARCOAL GRILL. THE RESULT IS THE JUICIEST TURKEY YOU'VE EVER EATEN!





# Serving Essentials

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Make sure to plan your table setting ahead so you'll have the right amount of place settings and serving pieces for each recipe!

## SERVING PIECES



I LOVE TO SERVE IN BONE CHINA FOR A FESTIVE FEEL, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S DISHWASHER SAFE!



## REFINED FLATWARE



ADD FLATWARE TO THE TABLE THAT IS BOTH ELEGANT AND MODERN LIKE THESE IN THE BLACK STAINLESS!



## PLACE SETTING

Your place setting sets the tone for the table. I love a classic mixed with a pop of fun!



## CHAMPAGNE

Glassware is the jewelry of the table, so go bolder with a fluted design and don't forget to get extra ice for the champagne bucket!

# Recipe Must haves

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Having the best recipes in hand will help the day extra tasty!



## STUFFING

I LOVE THE STUFFING RECIPE FROM THE STAUB COOKBOOK



## WORLD'S BEST MAC N' CHEESE

AFTER 20+ YEARS OF EXPERIMENTING, THIS IS MY FAVORITE WAY TO MAKE MACARONI AND CHEESE!



## THE BEST PECAN PIE!

WHILE PUMPKIN IS EXPECTED, IT'S THIS PECAN PIE THAT MY FAMILY RAVES ABOUT THE MOST!



## TURKEY

Jack always make the best, juiciest turkey I've ever eaten! He stuffs the turkey with orange halves and a handful of herbs and coats the outside with herbed olive oil.



# Dressing up

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While so many have gone casual over the years we absolutely love making a bit of a to-do of Thanksgiving. Ditch the Thanksgiving stereotypes and go for black for the special day!

## SPARKLE

ADD A TOUCH OF SPARKLE WITH YOUR EARRINGS (& MAYBE YOUR SHOES, TOO!)



## AMAZON FIND!



## BLACK DRESS

WHETHER YOU GRAB A LBD OUT OF YOUR CLOSET OR BUY SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR THE DAY, DEFINITELY CONSIDER YOUR MAKEUP AND PERHAPS ADDING A HEEL (NO ONE WILL JUDGE IF YOU KICK THEM OFF UNDER THE TABLE!)



# Be a Great Guest

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If you aren't entertaining but plan to be a guest, you'll want to be sure to impress your host so they will invite you back next year!



## BRING THE BEST RECIPE

THE FASTEST WAY TO GET INVITED BACK IS TO BRING THE MOST DELICIOUS RECIPE. I RECOMMEND OUR MAC N' CHEESE!



## GIFTING

I LIKE TO BRING THE HOST A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE (& CHOCOLATE & FLOWERS!). JUST DON'T ASK THEM TO OPEN IT! IT'S OK IF THEY OFFER, BUT IT'S A GIFT TO THEM, NOT YOU!



## DRESS CODE

MAKE SURE TO FIND OUT FROM YOUR HOST WHAT THE DRESS CODE WILL BE! YOU DON'T WANT TO BE UNDERDRESSED OR OVERDRESSED! A SWEATER DRESS WILL BE APPROPRIATE FOR MORE CASUAL DATES!



## DISH IT UP

BRING YOUR OFFERING IN A BEAUTIFUL DISH! WHITE SERVING PIECES FROM EMILE HENRY ARE OUR FAVORITE. THEY'VE BEEN MAKING THESE CLASSICS SINCE 1850!



## ETIQUETTE TIPS:

DON'T SHOW UP EARLY UNLESS ASKED BUT NEVER SHOW UP LATE! ALSO, BE SURE TO ASK IF YOU CAN HELP CLEAN UP, BUT DON'T PUSH IT IF YOUR HOST DECLINES.



# Opting Out

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Don't feel like lifting a finger (ok, maybe just one to preheat the oven at best?) Why not order everything in advance and have Thanksgiving arrive at your front door?!



## PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE

Forget measuring!  
Just order dessert  
straight to your door!

## BOURBON PUMPKIN PIES



## PASS THE ROLLS

OUT OF THIS GALAXY, THAT'S WHAT THESE ROLLS CLAIM TO BE!



## TURKEY DELIVERY

Forget the special glazes and hours of cooking, this guy arrives ready to simply be reheated!

## JUST PRE-HEAT

These sides come frozen so all you have to do is preheat the oven!



However you choose to spend your Thanksgiving, we hope it will be a special day full of love and celebration with your family and friends! xxV

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