

MY CHRISTMAS

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Christmas is a little bit different for everyone. Because of the family traditions, his/her own preference, changes through the partners' traditions or even just, own new experiences. It is important to be open to see what is happening on Christmas around us, not because we have to accept everything, just because to understand how the world and society is changing or living, how we fit in this world and feel good in it although my preferences may be very different from the others. Love your Christmas and share it with people around to build a nice atmosphere and lovely times.



MARTINA KARMAKOVÁ

Our Christmas starts with making advent wreath. I made it with my son this year first time - i mean that he helped me. I usually make three of them - One for us, one for my mum and third for my brother and His girlfriend. It is new tradition which starts two years ago. I sending postcard to my friend with my own poetry - this week I'm planning do this and write something ☺ and as another small gift I pack stickers for my friends children with this postcards.

We are non-practicing Christian – I'm visiting Church ten times per year and without kids, but this year I decided to take my kids with me during the advent period. It is something new for them, it is sometimes hard but I want to show them this way of live. My family spends Christmas Eve in my mum's or my mother-in law's house. I

like and prefer to be with them and have dinner as a great big family. We have waffle with honey and garlic, cabbage soup, fish with Onion salad and poppy desert (bodáky s makom) for dinner. My daddy always put some money under the table, cut the Apple and put the honey cross on forehead for all of us.

Christmas time is for me about people, about my family and friend. I try to meet with them and speak with them - turn off the TV and mobile phone and speak and play ☺. And One last small thing during the advent I don't drink any alcohol and sweets or cake I eat just on Sunday.

Have a nice day Martina and Matúš

ZUZANA PEKAREK

I was used for a Christmas full of everything with my parent as we were not materialists but used the opportunity on Christmas to have the feeling of "everything". We were mostly oriented on experience and travelled as much as possible to see things. I'm now getting more minimalistic and still preferring the experiences :)



For me Christmas starts with our wooden Christmas wreath. I'm preparing it alone now, as we made the base together two years ago and I'm now only putting candles on it. This is something I love because of the warmth from

the candles, kids love the possibility to light a candle and observe it through the dinner. We read or I tell them then later in bed a Christmas story. I'm now working on a book for them full of stories and Christmas activities we could do every day and would explain them the importance of some things we do. They love stories and anything creative we do together, although for now it means 5 minutes of fun, it may be better in the future.

My favorite cookie is called Slonie uši. I do not do them for myself, my mum does. We're having a sharing tradition in our family for both cookies and gifts. I bake gingerbread with kids so they have some fun and prepare something for the family table, we give the gingerbread often as a gift to neighbors and friends in homemade bags. I'm doing "[Linecké kolieska](#)" for the whole family and some friends we agreed on a exchange. This year, I'm going to experience with a new one, I love cheesy cakes and received a very positive feedback on a [lemon curd cake](#).

It is actually not important for me, what we do or eat or drink for christmas. It is more important, that we are together as a family, we prepare ourselves together and enjoy and share the atmosphere. This year, we're having my mother in law with us, so it's going to be even more interesting for kids as they love to be with her and sharing the surprises and laugh with someone else is always a good thing.

I wish you lovely christmas!

Zuzana, Oli & Tina

QUESTIONS

1. What means Christmas for you?
2. What is your favorite food, drink, cookies?
3. What makes Christmas for you / your family?