

**12/25/08 - 7 Tips for a Christmas Dinner for Two**

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Sometimes we don't want the big gatherings at Christmas. It could be us and our spouse. If you want to forego the lavish Christmas dinner and share it with a special someone, here are some ideas for a Christmas dinner for two.

Christmas dinner does work even if there are only two people involved. Portion sizes are smaller and you won't stay in the kitchen all day, but laughs and good memories are still made.

1. You will save money. There will be less of everything to prepare when dinner is for two instead of twenty. If you still want leftovers, cook dishes in servings of four. This way, just enough is leftover for one maybe two meals so you won't get tired of eating it.

2. Turn the Christmas dinner into a romantic meal. Add candles to the table and set formal place settings. Both of you can dress for the occasion even if it is in your living room.
  
3. Prepare a Christmas dinner menu in advance. It won't be a big menu, but you can do it together. Fixing the meal together is also romantic. Talk over old times when you were dating or of Christmases past.
  
4. A Christmas dinner for two is not a solemn affair. We are talking about choosing to celebrate away from the large gathering of relatives. You can certainly visit family for dessert or at some other holiday event.
  
5. You can still eat turkey with all the trimmings. Cook a small turkey breast instead of a large whole turkey. Buying a bag of breadcrumbs to make the dressing should provide at least four servings of stuffing.
  
6. Order your dinner and pick it up. Most grocery stores provide Christmas dinner options for small gatherings even as small as two. If you still want to make your Christmas turkey breast, order the side dishes and desserts from the grocery store. Their menu specifies serving sizes and prices. Order well in advance so there will be no problems with your order.
  
7. Try something new. Since there is no one to impress, try some of those Christmas side dishes you've seen on Food Network cooking shows. Set up a taste testing for the two of you along with some wine to make the food taste better.

Christmas dinner doesn't have to involve the entire family to be special. Spending quality time with our significant other at the holiday dinner table is a rewarding experience as well.