



24 easy elf ideas

Days 1–12 · everyday things you already have

1

Hello, I'm here!

Set your elf on a bookcase or windowsill with the arrival letter.



2

Book fort

Elf peeks out of a little fort made of stacked books.



3

Snowball fight

Elf and a few stuffed animals with cotton balls scattered around them.



4

Story time

Elf sits with a pile of toys and an open picture book.



5

Paper snowflakes

Tape a few paper snowflakes to a window; elf sits nearby with a stack of paper squares.



6

Snow angel

Sprinkle a little flour or sugar on a baking tray and press the elf in to make an angel shape.



7

Toy car race

Make a simple road on the floor with masking tape and line up toy cars.



8

Coloring buddy

Print an extra elf coloring page (page 13), color half of it and leave crayons next to it.



9

Footprint trail

Draw little footprints on sticky notes and stick a trail from the door to the elf.



10

Tea party

Elf hosts a tea party with toy cups and a few stuffed animals.



11

Tree helper

Elf sits on a low branch of the Christmas tree holding a small ornament.



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Kindness mission

Elf holds the note; help your child pick one kind thing to do.



Tip: matching note cards for every idea are on pages 5–7. Busy night? Just move the elf to a new spot — that is magic enough!

Elf Watch

Find your elf every morning. Check the box and write a word (or draw a tiny picture) to show where it was hiding!



Elf watcher: _____

Day 1 I found my elf... ☐	Day 2 I found my elf... ☐	Day 3 I found my elf... ☐	Day 4 I found my elf... ☐
Day 5 I found my elf... ☐	Day 6 I found my elf... ☐	Day 7 I found my elf... ☐	Day 8 I found my elf... ☐
Day 9 I found my elf... ☐	Day 10 I found my elf... ☐	Day 11 I found my elf... ☐	Day 12 I found my elf... ☐
Day 13 I found my elf... ☐	Day 14 I found my elf... ☐	Day 15 I found my elf... ☐	Day 16 I found my elf... ☐
Day 17 I found my elf... ☐	Day 18 I found my elf... ☐	Day 19 I found my elf... ☐	Day 20 I found my elf... ☐
Day 21 I found my elf... ☐	Day 22 I found my elf... ☐	Day 23 I found my elf... ☐	Day 24 I found my elf... ☐

Silliest hiding spot this year: _____