

Diwali Checklist - Pink Chai

Lights/ Prayer

- ♥ Pull out diyas from last year, and purchase any new ones if needed
- ♥ Stock up on baati (cotton for diyas), and mustard oil for burning
- ♥ If you are planning special prayers or a pooja, ensure you have all the necessary items
- ♥ Clean votive and candle holders, purchase new candles as needed
- ♥ Stock up on sparklers for kids (and kids at heart!)

Around the Home

- ♥ Declutter and get rid of excess toys, clothing, kitchen ware, and anything else you don't need!
- ♥ Make a deep cleaning plan (baseboards, dusting etc.) plan 1-2 rooms per week.
- ♥ Clean the front door thoroughly, give it a fresh coat of paint if necessary.
- ♥ Replace or repair broken picture frames, leaky faucets, and lightbulbs.
- ♥ Change out old pillows and bedsheets, flip and dust your mattresses.

Decor

- ♥ Take out your decorations from previous years, consider what can be used again.
- ♥ Make a plan and a budget for what you intend to buy. (Including a colour scheme)
- ♥ Plan any DIY decor projects well in advance
- ♥ Purchase damage free hanging materials
- ♥ Check your outdoor lights if you plan to use them, get replacement bulbs if needed.

Family/Entertaining

- ♥ Design and mail out Diwali cards 2-3 weeks prior to Diwali.
- ♥ Decide on a gift-giving plan. Family gifts, sweet boxes, whatever you need make a list.
- ♥ Hosting a party? Send out invites 3 weeks prior to the date of your event.
- ♥ Pick out any special outfits for yourself and the kids. Clean or alter if needed.
- ♥ Plan your family photos. If you are getting dressed up for Diwali, a picture is a must.

Food

- ♥ Clean out pantry and donate any excess to your local food bank.
- ♥ Plan your Diwali menu. This is a great time to try a family recipe
- ♥ Start your baking or mithai making 2-3 weeks in advance - use your freezer!
- ♥ Stock your pantry with a few items for last minute chai dates and drop-in guests
- ♥ Take special serving dishes out of storage. Plan on rentals if needed for larger get-togethers

Other

- ♥ If it's tradition in your family, purchase a new pot or kitchen utensil in steele or silver.
- ♥ Prepare coloured rice or powders for your door step rangoli.
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