

Juniors, now that Thanksgiving is over, everyone is plunging into Christmas: mom and dad are trying to get your Christmas presents ready, stores are decorating with snowmen and elves; grandma is busy baking cookies; and your neighbors are hanging Christmas lights.

You can do your share of the planning and work too. Take down those old Thanksgiving decorations and make, new ones. Try snowmen, angels, Santa Claus or sleighs. If you don't want to make them from paper, ask mom if you can paint pictures right on the windows. Poster paint flows on easily and it washes off with water. But watch the curtains when you paint!

Make your own wrapping paper this year. Ask mom for some freezer paper and paint Make complete pictures or find odd-shaped knickknacks and dip them in paint, then press on the paper to make a unique design.

You may want to help mom by watching your little brother or sister, if you have any, so she can do some Christmas planning. Try drawing a picture of santa and his elves and let the young ones color them with crayons.

To help make the days go fast until the holidays, here are three recipes for you to try. Make them all in one day and see how fast that day goes. Then start counting down the days till Christmas!

#### **Favorite Pancakes for Breakfast**

- 1 egg
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 tablespoons shortening or salad oil
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon soda

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

Beat egg and remaining ingredients in order of list and beat with rotary beater until smooth.

Marian Burkholder, Age 11, Lititz

### Apple-Raisin Cupcakes for dessert for lunch

Pour 1 1/4 cup boiling water over 1 cup quick oatmeal and 1 stick margarine

Let stand 20 minutes.

Add:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 beaten eggs
- 1 1/3 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon soda 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Stir in 3 apples (peeled and chopped) and 1 cup raisins (lightly floured).

Bake in cupcake baking cups at 350 degrees for about 20 Eddie Chapman, Age 4, Benton Pizza Pie for Dinner

- 1 pkg dry yeast (1 tablespoon)
- 1 cup warm water
- 3 cups flour
- 2 cups tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoon sugar 11/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup salad oil

1 pound cheese

Dissolve yeast in warm water, add sugar, salt, and oil, mix thoroughly. Add 1/2 of the flour and beat until no lumps. Gradually add remaining flour. Knead dough for five minutes. Take half of dough, roll out to a circle 12 inches in diameter. Place greased on cookie sheet, leaving edges little thicker than middle, repeat with other half of dough. Put on second cookie sheet, let rise 20 to 30 minutes. Brush tops with salad oil. Cut cheese in fine pieces and sprinkle over top. Put 2 cups of tomato sauce lightly over the cheese. Bake at 450 degrees for 15 minutes or until edges are brown and cheese is melted. You can also add hamburger over the cheese if you want.



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