

THANKSGIVING DINNER PREP TIMELINE

SUNDAY

Buy Turkey (if not already purchased)
Place turkey in fridge to defrost
Make Spanakopita Tarts and freeze

Partially Bake Mamaw's Rolls and freeze for Thursday
Make pie crusts if using homemade, keep refrigerated

MONDAY

Iron table cloth and napkins
Buy all other needed ingredients

Make Brown Sugar Cranberry Sauce
Make Cranberry Sauce with Orange & Cinnamon

TUESDAY

Deep clean, living room, dining room, guest bathroom, and kitchen (if company will be in here)
Cut all vegetables and prep any other ingredients for Thursday recipes
Place any drinks that need to be chilled in the fridge
Make sauce for Slow Cooker Cranberry Meatballs
Make Onion Cranberry Pecan Cheese Ball
Prep Yellow Squash Casserole to bake Thursday

Prep Mother-in-Law Candied Yams through boiling, cover with caramel sauce to bake Thursday
Prep Cranberry Pecan Green Bean Casserole to bake Thursday
Make Cream Cheese Garlic Mashed Potatoes, heat up in chafing dish or crock pot
Prep Mini Sweet Potato Casserole to bake Thursday
Prep Baked Garlic Mashed Potatoes to bake Thursday
Make Cranberry Upside Down Cake
Make Mini Chocolate Pecan Pie Cheesecakes

WEDNESDAY

Pick out outfit for dinner
Set dinner table
Place turkey in brine and place in fridge or cooler
Make Cran-Apple Sangria and Orange Cranberry Holiday Party Punch

Prep Spinach Bell Pepper Dip
Prep Sweet Potato Stacks
Prep Apple & Cranberry Cornbread Dressing to bake Thursday
Make Cranberry Fluff
Bake Pumpkin Pie & Honeycrisp Apple Cider Pie

THURSDAY

Light cleaning to tidy up
Start crock pot recipes in the morning & turn slow cooker to warm once finished
Bake Spinach Bell Pepper Dip & Spanakopita Tarts
Remove turkey from brine, dry, and roast
Make Pineapple Glazed Ham
Bake Sweet Potato Stacks, Mamaw's Rolls, Yellow Squash Casserole, Mother-in-Law Candied Yams, Apple & Cranberry Cornbread Dressing, Cranberry Pecan Green Bean Casserole, Mini Sweet Potato Casserole & Baked Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Use buffet servers or chafing dishes to keep food warm for meal time
Get changed and have a glass of wine!