

It's been a challenging yet exciting year...

Enjoy our tips to 'make Christmas easy'



Let's Reflect on 2023

Document the highlights

Island Sunrise

200ml + 1 Tbsp cloudy apple juice 1/3 tsp ground cinnamon 1 Tbsp demerara sugar 400ml ginger beer 125ml vodka (optional)

Mix cinnamon and sugar on a saucer. Dip the rims of 4 highball glasses into the apple juice then cinnamon sugar. Set aside.

Mix apple juice, ginger beer, and vodka (if using) in a large jug. Fill the glasses with ice and top with the cocktail.
Garnish with apple slices and cinnamon sticks.

Relax, and enjoy a festive drink

Reflect on the lows of the year

improvements and quick wins for 2024

Reflect on your highs, your lows, and where you 'want-to-goes'.



In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity - Albert Einstein

Escape reality by delving into the lives of others...

9 Books to add to your list

- How to be Champion Sarah Millican
- This is Going to Hurt Adam Kay
- Bonkers: My Life in Laughs Jennifer Saunders
- Open Andre Agassi
- Dear Fatty Dawn French
- Gotta Get Theroux This: My Life and Strange Times
- in Television Louis Theroux
- How to be a woman Caitlin Moran
- Everything I Know About Love Dolly Alderton
- In the Studio Rick Rubin











Seek Financial Freedom

Everyone's feeling the pinch right now.

It's time to get creative!

- Do a stocktake and declutter like Marie Kondo! You'll free up space and make some money
- Organise a monthly, rotational DIY Day with friends. Bring a plate, bottle, and a suitable tool to get those lingering DIY jobs nailed
- Get thrifty hit the secondhand shops when you need to replenish items
- Review your subscriptions. Do you need that many streaming services?



- Revisit your budget (yes, it's an annual activity)
- Make sure your business is structured for tax efficiency.
 We can help with this
- Focus on your gross margin (we can help with this too)
- Learn ways to grow your sales and increase cashflow (hi, it's us again, here to help!)



Time Freedom

The 2-minute rule

If a task takes 2 minutes or less, do it immediately.



Delegate or outsource

If it's time consuming or outside your expertise, engage a pro.



Time blocking

Use time blocking to schedule uninterrupted focus work periods - consider the Pomodoro technique

Utilise technology

From scheduling apps to robot vacuum cleaners and mowers, embrace technology that frees up your time



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Top ways to



Christmas

- Get creative. Craft, bake, or brew gifts that scream "I made this with love!".
- Give everyone a slice of the Christmas action list.
- Loosely schedule Christmas
 Day shenanigans. Include
 time to snooze on the couch.
- Aim for fun, not perfection.
 Not everything will go to plan
 laugh it off and focus on fun!
- Get ahead of the game.
 Create your wish list, check it twice, set a budget, and go.

- Get your app together.
 Track who's getting what,
 and your progress.
- Point, click, shop. Let your fingers get your groceries, gifts, and decorations.
- Host a potluck extravaganza. Delegate the cooking to your guests! Your menu might end up dessert heavy, but who's complaining?!
- Don't overdo the social scene. Pick the most important events and say 'thanks, but no thanks' to the rest.

A Twist on a Classic...



Raspberry Filling

3 cups frozen
raspberries, thawed
¼ cup limoncello
¼ cup caster sugar
Fine zest of 1 lemon

Lemon Syrup

1 cup water
3/4 cup sugar
Juice of 1 lemon
1/4 cup limoncello

Lemon Cream

1 200ml cream 250g mascarpone ¼ cup limoncello ½ cup lemon curd 250g biscotti

Syrup

Bring water and sugar to boil. Boil for 1 minute then add lemon juice and limoncello. Cool.

Raspberry Filling

Combine and stir limoncello, sugar, and lemon zest in a bowl. Add raspberries (and any juice) and slightly crush with a fork. Set aside.

Cream

Whip cream to soft peaks. In a separate bowl, whisk mascarpone and limoncello until smooth. Fold through cream then fold in lemon curd.



Break biscotti into pieces and drizzle generously with lemon syrup, mixing to combine. You should have leftover syrup.

Layer the cream, biscotti, and raspberries into a glass, repeating until all ingredients are used. Finish with the cream. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Garnish with shaved chocolate or pistachios.



Happy Holidays

From our team to yours, have a fun, safe, and restorative break.

Here's to a prosperous 2024!

