



If you want to add even more magic to your Elf letters this December we have some ideas for props you could leave out with your envelopes. You don't have to do this and you don't have to do it every day, but one or two during the month might make it even more exciting! We have a few magical ideas for you.

Day 1 Mischievous mice leave chunks of cheese around the North Pole – leave some with your elf. For extra naughtiness, leave some cheese in a grown up's slippers!

Day 2 The elves sing carols, so make a Christmas playlist or include a Christmas CD (remember those!). A Christmas carol sheet would work really well too. 🌲 The Elf Prop Book has a North Stars Elf Choir Sheet you can cut out!

Day 3 Give your elf some binoculars to spot some shooting stars. Or give elf a small fishing net (or seive) to catch a shooting star! Fill it with wish magic (glitter and shiny stars!) or alternatively include it with the letter 🌲 The Elf Prop Book has a roll up telescope and a star map.

Day 4 The elves open their own sweet shop, so surround your elf with empty sweet wrappers. (whether you eat the sweets yourself is up to you!) 🌲 For an extra special touch, the Elf Prop Book has a Jolly BonBon's Grotto sweetie bag you could cut out and fill with sweet treats.

Day 5 Albert Tinchmarsh invents some yucky Christmas Dinner jams. Relabel your jars of jam & marmalade with funny flavours like strawberry & turkey and pigs in blankets marmalade. See if anyone is brave enough to try them!

Day 6 The elves design & build a treehouse today. If you have any wood or tools, leave these with elf today.

🌲 Alternatively, the Elf Props Book has a mini newspaper featuring an interview with Beti the Yeti - the elves meet Beti for the first time today.

Day 7 The animals of the North Pole are frightened by fireworks. Sit your elf with some animal cuddly toys who are wearing headphones and earmuffs. Perhaps make a little sign for them to hold saying WE DON'T LIKE FIREWORKS!

Day 8 Set up a Stealth Stocking Training obstacle course for your elf. Make little signs for each part (don't forget some mince pies!) and position elf in one of the moves.

Day 9 Create your own Magic Wishing Tree. Make some leaves out of kitchen foil and place them by your Christmas tree (if you already have it up!) or by your elf. If you are feeling creative, get a fallen branch from outside and spraypaint the leaves silver. You can then collect the leaves and make some wishes!

Day 10 Sprout the dog is up to mischief – make him a little behaviour chart with things like “stop chewing on Santa's boots” and “no licking the Christmas puddings”. They will have crosses and gold stars alongside them. Elf can be drawing a cross or sticking on a star!

Day 11 Elf is going to make a yule log so sit it with a bowl, spatula and the ingredients ready (eggs, sugar, flour & cocoa powder). Have a go at making one or have one you made/bought earlier! 🌲 The Elf Props Book has a little Mrs Claus's Cookbook that has the full recipe!

Day 12 Write a Christmas list for your elf and be as fun and silly as possible – don't forget to include candycanes! Place a pen on in your elf's hand so it looks like they wrote it. Today's letter is about “the most asked for list!”

Day 13 It's the Christmas Dinner test run – seat your elf at the dinner table with a knife and fork – you could even use a sprout or a cracker or two. 🌲 The Elf Props Book has the contents of a cracker, with a clip on moustache, hat and a joke included!

Day 14 Get your elf ready for a sleepover with a toothbrush, hot chocolate, Christmas stories books or a torch. You could use a fluffy sock as a sleeping bag! 🌲 The Elf Props Book has a Do Not Disturb sign, eye mask and a sleepover checklist.

Day 15 The Canadian snowball team arrive today so use cotton wool as snowballs!

Day 16 It's the Christmas Parade so get your elf's bling on! Wrap elf in tinsel and dangle baubles from their ears.

Day 17 The elves lose their voices thanks to some magical gobstoppers. Sit your elf by a mirror or window and use chalk pens to write messages from your voiceless elf!

Day 18 The South Pole penguins stage a daring mince pie raid. Dangle some string from the ceiling over an empty box of mince pies – those naughty penguins have stolen them!

Day 19 Surround your elf with smelly grown up presents, like cheese, socks and bath bubbles - you can even put a peg on their nose!

Day 20 The elves are knitting Christmas jumpers, so give your elf knitting needles (chopsticks will work too) and some wool. If you are a dab hand at knitting, why not cast on some stitches?

Day 21 Set up your favourite family boardgame for your elf to play.

Day 22 The elves learn about the Canadian custom of mummering: create a colourful mask for your elf. Why not make your own too?

Day 23 Bruce the Moose visits the North Pole so your elf is researching these incredible creatures! Place them in front of a screen watching videos of moose on Youtube (search “don't moose around” for a video of a huge moose!)

Day 24 Make sure you have our Twinkle Sprinkle Chocolate Bar – if you can't get one, leave some chocolate stars and christmas sprinkles as crumbs as though the elves have eaten it up!



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