

The 40-Idea Fall Bucket List Planner

A printable companion to Fall Bucket List: 40 Ideas You Will Actually Finish

Print this planner and keep it on the fridge or inside a kitchen cupboard door. It gives you all forty ideas as tick-sheets, the ten-ten rule worksheet, the starter five for busy weeks, a cost and effort scorecard, rainy-day swap cards to cut out and a memory log for the back. Nothing here repeats the article — it is the working version of it.

The Ten-Ten Rule Worksheet

Write your ten must-dos with a date beside each one, then your ten maybes with no date at all. The other twenty come off the list for this year, completely, without guilt.

#	My must-do (with a date)	Date
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An idea without a date is a wish. Give every must-do a date or move it to the maybes.

#	My maybe (no date, no pressure)
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The Starter Five

For a free afternoon that appears with no warning. Short, cheap, no preparation, no booking.

- Idea 1 — Jump in a pile of leaves (free, 20 minutes)
- Idea 12 — Make applesauce on the stove (45 minutes)
- Idea 19 — Hang a wreath on the front door (1 hour)
- Idea 28 — Invite the neighbours for a potluck (an evening)
- Idea 35 — Write a letter to someone you love (30 minutes)

All Forty Ideas — Tick Sheet

Tick as you go. The number you finish has no bearing on how good your autumn was.

#	Idea	Cost	Time	Done
1	Jump in a pile of leaves	Free	20 min	
2	Rake the biggest pile you can manage	Free	45 min	
3	Foliage drive and a woodland walk	Free	2 hrs	
4	Hike a trail you have never tried	Free	2–3 hrs	
5	Find five leaf shapes and press them	Free	30 min	
6	Apple picking at a pick-your-own orchard	£20–60	2 hrs	
7	Choose a pumpkin off the vine	£	1 hr	
8	Navigate a corn maze	££	1–2 hrs	
9	Take a hayride	£	30 min	
10	Watch a sunset with a wide view	Free	45 min	
11	Bake a pumpkin loaf	£	1.5 hrs	
12	Make applesauce on the stove	£	45 min	
13	Bake an apple pie from scratch	££	3 hrs	
14	Caramel apples and roasted pumpkin seeds	£	40 min	

#	Idea	Cost	Time	Done
15	Chilli in front of a film	£	90 min	
16	Cinnamon rolls on a cold morning	£	2.5 hrs	
17	A pot of soup that lasts three days	£	1 hr	
18	Mix your own pumpkin spice blend	£	10 min	
19	Hang a wreath on the front door	£	1 hr	
20	Decorate the porch with pumpkins and mums	££	2 hrs	
21	String a dried orange garland	£	2 hrs	
22	Leaf garland and framed pressed leaves	Free	1 hr	
23	Carve a pumpkin, or paint one instead	£	1 hr	
24	Build a centrepiece from gourds	£	30 min	
25	Swap to the flannel bedding and the knits	Free	1 hr	
26	Set up a hot drinks station	£	30 min	
27	Host a Friendsgiving	£££	A weekend	

#	Idea	Cost	Time	Done
28	Invite the neighbours for a potluck	££	An evening	
29	Hold a family game night	Free	2 hrs	
30	Host a bonfire with s'mores	££	3 hrs	
31	Go trick-or-treating	Free	2 hrs	
32	Take the family photo for the winter card	Free	1 hr	
33	Start a Sunday dinner tradition	£	2 hrs	
34	Start a gratitude jar	Free	20 min	
35	Write a letter to someone you love	Free	30 min	
36	Volunteer at a shelter or food bank	Free	3 hrs	
37	Donate to a food drive, or bake for a neighbour	£	30 min	
38	Read a spooky novel, then a comfort book	Free	An evening	
39	Visit a local library for seasonal books	Free	1 hr	
40	Explore a town you have never visited	Free	Half a day	

£ = free or pennies · ££ = under about twenty pounds · £££ = a deliberate splurge.

The Four-Week Rhythm

One outdoor slot, one indoor slot and one slow slot, four times over — then a deliberately empty buffer week so illness, work and weather have somewhere to go.

Week	Outdoor slot	Indoor slot	Slow slot
Week one			
Week two			
Week three			
Week four			
Buffer	Deliberately empty	Deliberately empty	Deliberately empty

Book These First

The orchard, the maze and the pumpkin patch all sell out weekends in October. Put these dates in the calendar before anything else.

Outing	Date booked	Who is coming	Cost ceiling
Pick-your-own orchard			
Corn maze			
Pumpkin patch			

Cost and Effort Scorecard

Band	On the list	What it covers
Free	14 of 40	Leaf piles, walks, the gratitude jar, the letter, the library, the family photo
Under about twenty pounds	19 of 40	Almost every kitchen idea, most crafts, the wreath, the pumpkins, candles
Twenty to sixty	6 of 40	The orchard, the maze, the festival, a hosted meal, the bigger bakes
A deliberate splurge	1 of 40	Friendsgiving — one, by design

Spend on the two things that cannot be replicated at home: the orchard and the maze. Everything else has a free or near-free equivalent.

Rainy-Day Swap Cards

Cut along the lines and keep these in the wet-weather box. Decide the swap when you make the plan, not on the morning.

Instead of apple picking	Bake the apple pie (idea 13), or make applesauce on the stove and eat it warm with yoghurt.
Instead of the pumpkin patch	Carve or paint the pumpkins you already have, then set up the candlelit mantel display.
Instead of the woodland walk	Press the leaves you collected last week into frames, or do the jigsaw on the kitchen table.
Instead of the bonfire	Mulled cider on the hob, and the Halloween film night with the themed menu indoors.
Instead of the hayride	Build the blanket fort in the front room and have the picnic inside it.
Instead of the festival	The board-game night, or start the Sunday dinner tradition a week early.
Instead of trick-or-treating	The costume theme at home and a Halloween film night. Children remember the dressing up.
Instead of the sunset walk	Bake for the watching. The game on the radio and a batch of cinnamon rolls.

The Wet-Weather Box

Keep a shoebox ready so the project is already on the shelf when the rain arrives.

- Twine and a needle for the garland
- Glue and a glue stick
- A stack of pressed leaves
- Orange slices that did not make the garland
- A few blank cards and envelopes
- A roll of tape and a pair of scissors

Memory Log

One line per thing you actually did. In February, this page is the season.

Date	What we did	Who was there	One thing to remember

Next Autumn's List

Write this in the last week of November, while the memory is fresh. It takes an hour and it is the single best thing on the list.

What we loved and will do again

What we will skip next year

Three new ideas to try

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