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Happy Holidays
to you and your family

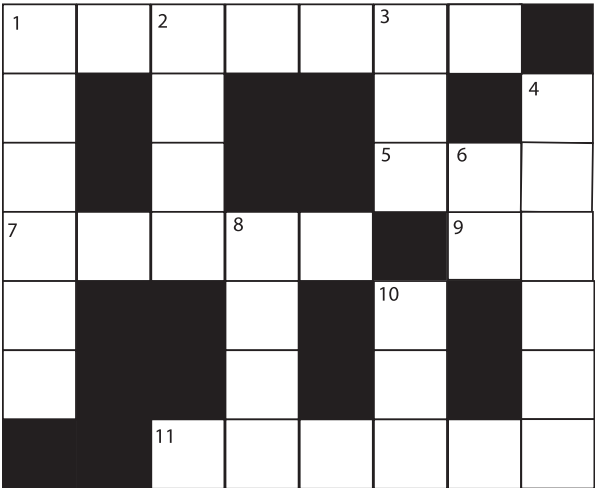
**May your holidays and upcoming
new year be filled with love, joy,
peace, and kindness!**

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To All of You,*
**Season's
Greetings!**

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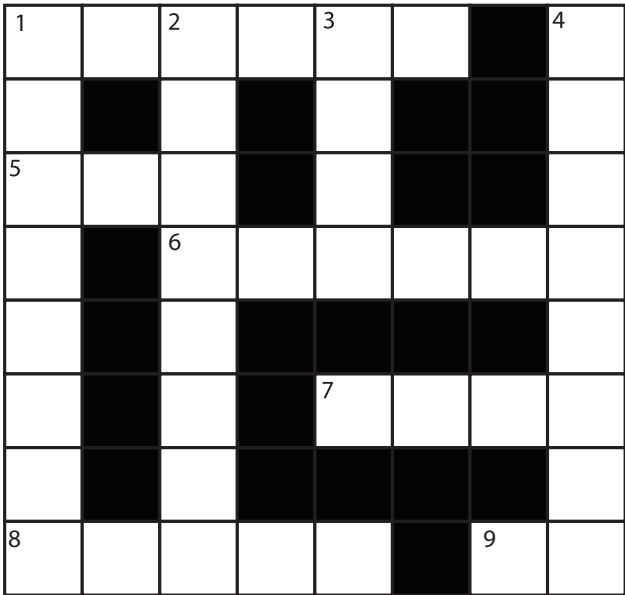
Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1. Heating up
5. Was victorious
7. Ground
9. Negative
11. Cleared away
- DOWN**
1. Cold season
2. In back
3. Currently
4. ___ in: blocked by snow
6. Opposite of “off”
8. Not fake
10. Line of things

Answers:
Across
1. Warming 5. Won 7. Terra 9. No 11. Plowed
Down
1. Winter 2. Rear 3. Now 4. Snowed 6. On
8. Real 10. Row

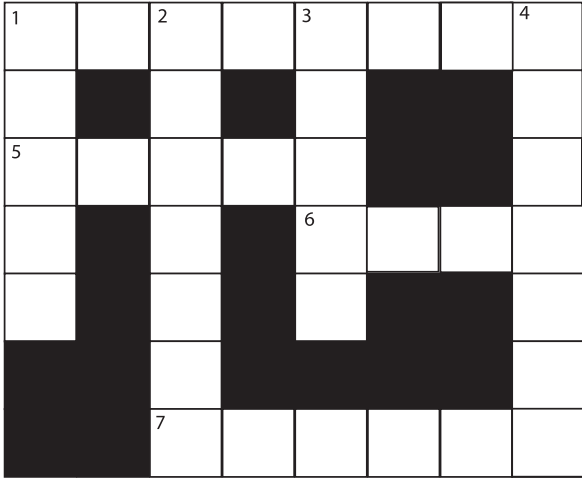
Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1. What Santa says
5. A boy
6. Come back
7. Large bag
8. Christmas character
9. Saying of surprise
- DOWN**
1. Celebratory times
2. Elemental gas
3. High temperature
4. Jewish holiday

Answers:
Across
1. Ho, ho, ho 5. Lad 6. Return 7. Sack
8. Santa 9. Oh
Down
1. Holidays 2. Hydrogen 3. Heat 4. Chanukkah

Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1. Things remembered
5. Upward movement
6. Ringing sound
7. Performance areas
- DOWN**
1. Voice and instrument sounds
2. Walks with military precision
3. Wooden parts of woodwind instruments
4. Vocal performers

Answers:
Across
1. Memories 5. Surge 6. Ding 7. Stages
Down
1. Music 2. Marches 3. Reeds 4. Singers

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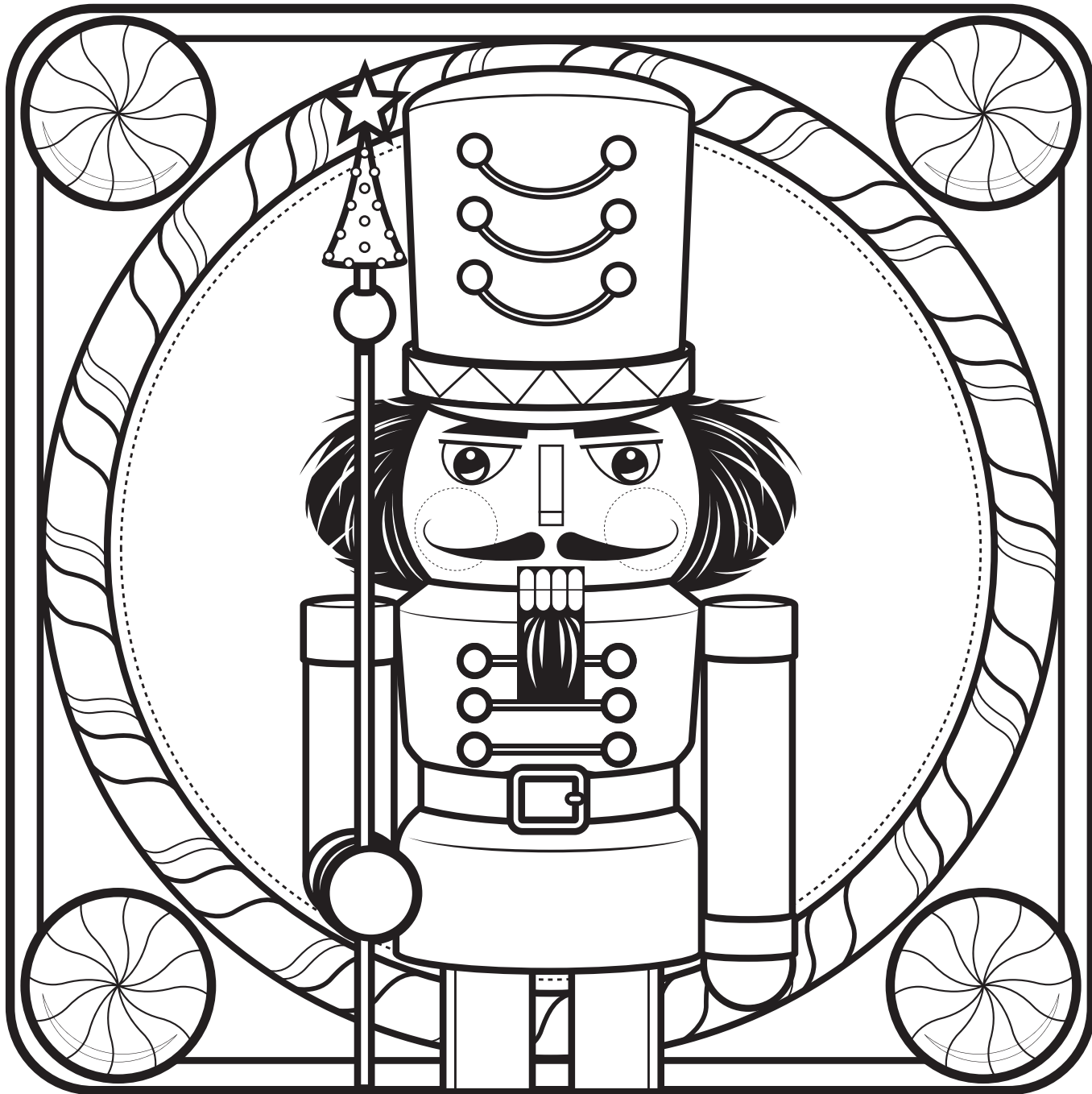
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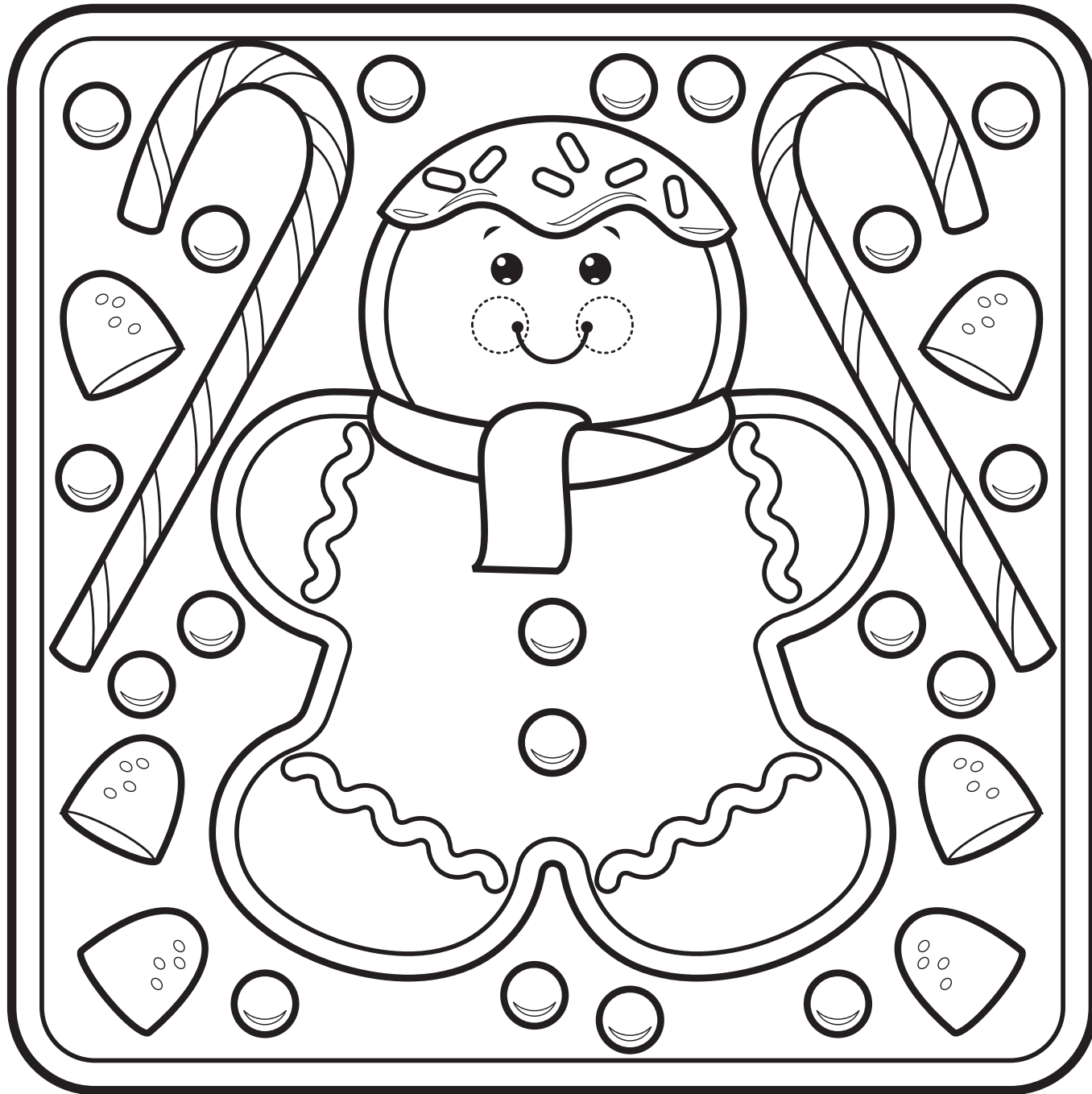
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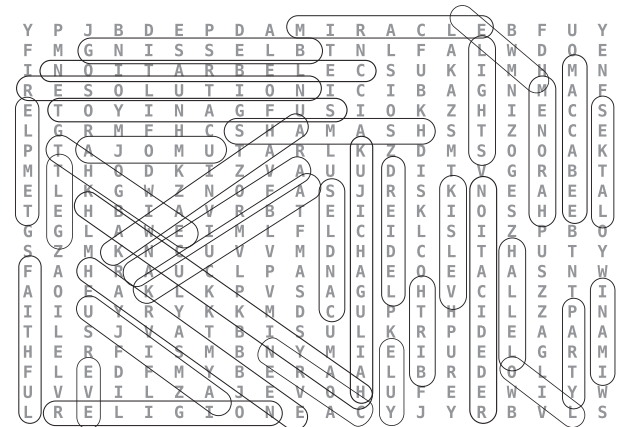
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December Holidays WORD SEARCH

Y P J B D E P D A M I R A C L E B F U Y
F M G N I S S E L B T N L F A L W D O E
I N O I T A R B E C S U K I M H M N
R E S O L U T I O N I C I B A G N M A F
E T O Y I N A G F U S I O K Z H I E C S
L G R M F H C S H A M A S H S T Z N C E
P T A J O M U T A R L K Z D M S O O A K
M T H O D K I Z V A U U D I T V G R B T
E L K G W Z N O F A S J R S K N E A E A L
T E H B I A V R B T E I E K I O S H E O Y
G G L A W E I M L F L C I L S I Z P B L
S Z M K N C U V V M D H D C L T H U T Y
F A H R A U C L P A N A E O E A A S N W
A O E A K L K P V S A G L H V C L Z T I
I I U Y R Y K K M D C U P T H I L Z P N A
T L S J V A T B I S U L K R P D E A A M
H E R F I S M B N Y M I E I U E L G R I
F L E D F M Y B E R A A L B R D O L T W
U V V I L Z A J E V O H U F E E W I Y S
L R E L I G I O N E A C Y J Y R B V L S

**WORDS**

| | | |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| AFRICA | HANUKKIYAH | OIL |
| BIRTH | HARAM BEE | PARTY |
| BLESSING | IMANI | REDEDICATION |
| CANDLES | KISLEV | RELIGION |
| CELEBRATION | KUJICHAGULIA | RESOLUTION |
| CORN | KUUMBA | SHAMASH |
| DREIDEL | KWANZAA | SUFGANIYOT |
| EIGHT | LIGHTS | TEMPLE |
| EVE | MACCABEE | UJIMA |
| FAITHFUL | MENORAH | UMOJA |
| GELT | MIRACLE | YULE |
| HALLEL | NIA | |



Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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Beginner Sudoku

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | | 4 | | | | | 3 | 8 |
| 2 | | | 8 | 5 | 1 | 4 | | |
| 5 | 8 | | 6 | | | 7 | | |
| 8 | 3 | | | 9 | | 1 | | |
| | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | | 8 | 5 |
| | 9 | | 5 | 6 | | | | |
| | 2 | 1 | | 8 | 6 | 3 | | |
| | | 8 | 9 | | 3 | | | 1 |
| 3 | | | 1 | | 5 | | 7 | |

Level: Beginner

Beginner Sudoku

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 3 | 7 | | | | 5 | 8 | 2 |
| | | 6 | 7 | 1 | | | 9 | |
| | | 5 | 2 | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | 9 | 7 | | |
| | | 4 | | 5 | | | | 9 |
| | | | 3 | | | | | 1 |
| | | 8 | | 3 | | | | |
| | 5 | 2 | | 6 | 8 | 4 | 1 | |
| 3 | 9 | 1 | | | 7 | | | 6 |

Level: Beginner

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 9 |
| 7 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| 9 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| 1 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| 4 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 9 |
| 8 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| 5 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| 2 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 6 |
| 6 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 8 |

ANSWER:

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

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| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 3 |
| 7 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| 4 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 8 |
| 5 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| 2 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| 6 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 8 |
| 9 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 4 |
| 1 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 2 |

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Intermediate Sudoku

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| | 2 | | 9 | | | | 1 | |
| | | 3 | | 7 | | 4 | 9 | |
| | | 8 | | | | 5 | | |
| | 9 | | | | 7 | 2 | | |
| | 7 | | | | 3 | | | |
| | | 2 | 4 | 1 | | | 7 | |
| | | 1 | | | | | | |
| | | | 6 | 5 | | 1 | | |
| 5 | | 9 | 2 | | | | | |

Level: Intermediate

Advanced Sudoku

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 7 | | 8 | | | | | |
| | 8 | 4 | | | | 5 | 3 | |
| | | | | | 7 | | 4 | |
| | | 8 | | 2 | | 1 | | |
| | | | | | 1 | | | 4 |
| | | | | | 6 | 2 | 7 | 5 |
| | | | 4 | 3 | | | | |
| 7 | 6 | | | | | | | 8 |
| | | | | | | | 5 | 2 |

Level: Advanced

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 5 |
| 9 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| 3 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 2 |
| 8 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 5 |
| 1 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 4 |
| 3 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 9 |
| 9 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| 8 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| 7 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 6 |

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| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 4 |
| 7 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 8 |
| 8 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 6 |
| 3 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 5 |
| 6 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 4 |
| 5 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| 2 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 1 |
| 9 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 7 |
| 1 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 9 |

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Hearty lasagna can feed holiday crowds

Millions of people take to the roads, rails and skies to make it home for the holidays. Plenty of hosts and hostesses open their homes to well-traveled relatives and close friends during the holiday season, sometimes providing accommodations for several days. During this season of entertaining, it is helpful to have several go-to recipes that can feed a houseful of guests on hand.

The recipe for “Lasagna With Broccoli and Three Cheeses” from “Real Simple: Dinner Tonight, Done!” (Time Home Entertainment) from the editors of Real Simple is sure to stick to guests’ ribs on wintry nights. With only 15 minutes of preparation time, this dish gets popped in the oven and can be enjoyed an hour later.



Lasagna with Broccoli and Three Cheeses

INGREDIENTS

- 1 - 15-ounce container ricotta
- 1 pound frozen broccoli florets (thawed, patted dry, and chopped)
- 2 ¼ cups grated mozzarella
- ½ cup grated Parmesan
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 1 - 16-ounce jar marinara sauce
- ½ cup heavy cream
- 8 no-boil lasagna noodles
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, plus more for the foil
- 4 cups mixed greens
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

INSTRUCTIONS

Heat oven to 400° F. In a large bowl, combine the ricotta, broccoli, 2 cups of the mozzarella, ¼ cup of the Parmesan, ½ teaspoon salt, and ¼ teaspoon pepper. In a small bowl, combine the marinara sauce and cream.

Spoon a thin layer of the sauce into the bottom of an 8-inch square baking dish. Top with 2 noodles, a quarter of the remaining sauce, and a third of the broccoli mixture; repeat twice. Top with the remaining 2 noodles and sauce. Sprinkle with the remaining ¼ cup of mozzarella and ¼ cup of Parmesan.

Cover the lasagna tightly with an oiled piece of foil and bake until the noodles are tender, 35 to 40 minutes. Uncover and bake until golden brown, 10 to 15 minutes more.

Toss the greens with the oil, lemon juice, and ¼ teaspoon each salt and pepper. Serve with the lasagna – serves 4.

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