

40 Funny & Easy
Elf on the Shelf Ideas
to recreate at home
in 1 minute



Helpful guide
for busy (and forgetful) parents

by
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Hello there!

*This prank list was created for parents like you
who would love to bring pre-Christmas magic into their homes
and make their children go nuts.*

All this with minimum effort, time and with no extra budget!

*We've tested all the pranks below with our kids over the last several
years. And yes, that was always their absolutely favourite Christmas
thing! Well. at least until they all became teenagers ;)*

*Of course you'll find a lot more ideas on internet,
however we've chosen these ones as we know they are
easy last minute pranks and not a single one needs fancy gadgets,
only things you already have around the house.*

*We hope these Elf on the Shelf pranks will bring as much joy
to your little ones as they did to ours!*

*Merry
Christmas*

Isabelle & Caroline 



Hallway

1 Getting Stuck in a Letter Box

Stuff the Elf in letter box opening together with HELLO or I'M BACK letter. Perfect for arrival day!

2 Taking a Tumble

Stick your elf in the middle of a roll of toilet paper and then let them take a tumble down the stairs, holding on to the end to create a paper trail.

3 Trying on New Shoes

If your kid left some shoes by the front door, then they'll be tickled to find their elf trying them on for size in the morning. Just perch the elf on top so each leg goes into each shoe.



Living Room

4 Watching TV

Sit the elf on the sofa with the remote "in hand" so it looks like they were checking all possible TV programs.

5 Fun in the Ball Pit

That box of Christmas decorations makes a fabulous Elf ball pool. Perfect for the tree decorating day.

6 Hugging a Tree

If you're pressed for time or forget to hide your elf one morning, then you can easily stick them at the top of your tree and see how long it takes your kid to spot them.

7 Getting Lost in the Sofa

A sofa classic. Stuff the elf between the cushions with their legs sticking out and also scatter some loose coins for the kids to collect as a bonus.

8 Visiting a (Drive-In) Movie Theatre

Set up your iPad/tablet to play your child's favourite holiday movie for an elf-sized drive-in experience. Seat the Elf and few other toys in front of the iPad/tablet (for that drive-in experience sit them in toy cars!). It's a great way to incorporate your kids' toys.

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Kitchen

10 Popping Out of a Cereal Box

Have your elf make a surprising entrance during breakfast by having them burst through the front panel of your kid's favourite cereal box. Just cut a hole and stuff an elf inside making sure his head is sticking out of the hole.

11 Painting Eggs

Draw some funny faces on eggs with a marker, leave the elf nearby holding the marker.

12 Hiding in the Silverware Drawer

Just stuff it in one of the cutlery slots in the drawer. The elf will surely be discovered over breakfast.

13 Eating Nutella

Leave the elf next to an open jar of Nutella with a smudge of chocolate spread on its face.

14 Wrapped in Toast

Just make 2 toasts and use the elf as a filler (remember to toast the bread before adding the elf and don't butter it!).

15 Party time

Put the elf with other figure toys next to a coffee machine with a few espresso cups and saucers with crumbs on (guess who needs to eat the cookie to get the crumbs!). Remember to leave smudges of coffee/tea in cups for the real effect.

16 Drawing Banana Minions

Sit the elf next to bananas and draw faces on them with a marker.

17 Making breakfast

If you have more time in the morning, make an amazing breakfast for your children and let the Elf take credit for an epic feast by leaving them in the middle of the set up table.

18 Spelling With Cereal

Make a festive message with cereal on the kitchen table or counter. Make sure the elf is nearby to take the credit.

19 Making Snow Angels

The elf will be making his snow angels out of rice, sugar or sprinkles (flour is a bit too messy!). This one is for families that don't mind cleaning up a mess!

20 Chilling in the Refrigerator

Imagine opening up the fridge door to find your elf peeking out. Just make sure you leave them a blanket (a handkerchief or face cloth) so they don't catch a cold!

21 Creating a Magic Experiment

Arrange some Skittles in a circle on a plate and write a message from the elf with instruction to pour hot water in the middle. Then watch to see what happens!

22 Riding a rollercoaster

Sit the elf in the washing machine drum on a paddle lifter, add a few more dolls/toy figures for a rollercoaster ride. Remember to leave the washing machine door open.



Bathroom

23 Having a Makeover

Use your mascara or eyeshadows, keep him holding one of these. Remember to put some make up on the elf as well.

24 Teeth Brushing

Leave a spare toothbrush next to the elf and toothpaste all around the sink (use the paste to write a cute message i.e. "hi!")

25 Having a Shave

Sit the elf on the sink with a razor next to them (make sure to leave the guard on the razor) and leave some shaving cream on elf's face.

26 Becoming a Snowman

Your elf gets a delightful snowman disguise, thanks to a couple spare toilet rolls. Just stack two toilet rolls on top of each other and stuff the elf inside so their head and hands are peaking out. You can also add another loo roll on top with drawn snow man's face. We love the way they look peeking out!

27 Enjoying a Spa Day

Fill a bowl or a bathroom sink with marshmallows or cotton balls and let your children find the elf enjoying a spa day. Use a wet wipe as a turban or a towel.

Child's Bedroom

28 Fixing a Car

Let the elf lie down under a toy car to "fix it". You can elevate the car with some Lego blocks under all wheels.

29 Walking the Dog

If you have a toy dog just tie a ribbon around it's neck and let the elf hold "the lead".

30 Reading a Book

Put an open book on the elf's lap and surround them with other toys.

31 Getting Held Hostage

Use a masking tape to secure your elf on the wall close to the floor, then set up a half-circle of army guys or other toys around your poor captured elf.

32 Sledding

White towel thrown over a pile of clothes makes a handy stand-in for snowy slopes! You can also improvise a scarf for extra cosiness as they head down the hill. Candy cane sledge? They're easy to DIY: Just hot glue (or tape) a handful of candy canes together.



All over the house

33 Farting Elf

Put the elf in a closed jar with a note facing the jar walls: "I farted in here, wanna smell?"

34 Shopping Online

Sit the elf in front of the computer or tablet with open Amazon shopping website/app and a credit card nearby. Oh and put some fun stuff in the Amazon shopping basket.

35 Taking a selfie

Leave the elf with a phone on with his photo taken (front camera photo is a must!)

36 "Upgrading" Family Portraits

Add cut-out Santa hats to a few of your family portraits, and then leave your elf nearby to take credit for the makeover. If you've got glass-framed photos of family and friends displayed all around your house, then using wipeable markers to draw funny faces on them all will have your kids in hysterics.

37 Swinging Around

A cardboard loo roll tube and some ribbon can give your elf a nice perch for the day. They can keep an eye out from below the shelf. Just thread the ribbon through the tube, attach both ends to the shelf and sit the elf on the tube swing.

38 Sneaking Some Sweets

Your kids will love waking up to discover that their naughty elf has snuck in some early-morning sweets... especially if you leave some empty wrappers around and chocolate smudged on the elf's face. And you can eat some guilt free sweets at the same time!

39 Hanging From a Light Fixture

Have your elf hang out and keep an eye on your kids' activity from above.

40 Dressing Up as Santa

Cotton balls are all you need to help your elf disguise themselves as Santa Claus for the day. Use a glue stick to attach their beard and cotton ball white hair and voila!

BONUS

And finally, when you've had a busy day and you just need a break from pranking, stuff the Elf into a big jar and write "Quarantine until ..." with a marker. You can give yourself as much time as you want!

It's a fantastic way out if you're going away for a couple of days.

If you want to PRINT the list and check already used pranks we've made a special printable version for you - just [CLICK HERE](#)