

ELF ON THE SHELF CHEAT SHEET

Here is a 25 Elf on the Shelf idea guide, full of festive fun to delight kids and parents!

 Welcome Party The Elf arrives with a tiny banner that says, "I'm Back!" (or "First Time Here!" for new elves). Sprinkle some holiday confetti or balloons around.	 Candy Cane Hunt The elf is pointing to a small map (you can draw one) that leads to hidden candy canes around the house.	Elf Spa Day The Elf relaxes in a "spa" made of a marshmallow bubble bath in a bowl or cup. Add a small washcloth as a towel. 	 Paper Snowflake Mischief The Elf cuts paper snowflakes (use scissors/pre-cut paper designs) and sticks them around the room.	Elf mobile The Elf "rides" a toy car around the house, with string as reins. 
Cookie Thief! The Elf is caught red-handed with cookie crumbs around their mouth and a half-eaten cookie in their lap. 	Snowball Fight Mini marshmallows are scattered everywhere as if the Elf had a snowball fight with other toys. 	 Zipline Adventure The Elf ziplines across the room using string, a candy cane "hook," and a piece of ribbon. 	Toilet Paper Snowman Pile toilet rolls to resemble a snowman with a marker-drawn face and a scarf. The Elf sits on top. 	Sledding Adventure The Elf rides down a "sled" made from a toy car, shoebox, or book, zooming down a ramp (e.g. a cutting board). 
Cookie Helper The Elf holds a spatula or wooden spoon near cookie cutters and leaves a half-made batch of cookies.	 Santa Surveillance The Elf sits with binoculars (made from paper tubes) and a clipboard with a "Nice List".	Wrapped in Lights The Elf is tangled in holiday lights, with a few draped over nearby objects. 	Snow Angel The Elf lies on a bed of powdered sugar or flour, creating a snow angel. 	Hot Air Balloon Ride The Elf rides in a "hot air balloon" made from a small basket and a balloon. 
Jingle Bell Band The Elf leads a band of toy musicians holding bells or instruments (real or toys). 	Reading Time The Elf reads a holiday storybook, surrounded by small stuffed animals as "audience members."	Stuck in a Cup The Elf is trapped inside a clear cup or jar, with a note asking for help to escape. 	Elf Movie Night The Elf watches a tiny "screen" (cutout or toy tablet) with popcorn (mini marshmallows) and a group of toys. 	Ice Skating Rink The Elf skates on a "rink" made of aluminum foil or a mirror. Use paper clips as skates. 
Tree Climber The Elf climbs up the Christmas tree, leaving mini ornaments behind. 	Gift Wrapper Gone Wild The Elf is tangled in wrapping paper and tape while "wrapping" a toy. 	Christmas Eve Countdown The Elf holds a countdown sign: 1 Day Until Christmas! 	Farewell Hug The Elf sits with a tiny suitcase or sack, holding a farewell note. Include a small "gift" (like a candy cane or holiday trinket). 	