Christmas Movie Bingo

The perfect accompianment to cheesy Christmas movies on Halmark, Lifetime, or your streaming service of choice. The goal is to have fun with your family and friends, fill squares, and "enjoy" a predictable, but heartwarming movie.

Instructions

Download Christmas-Movie-Bingo-Cards.pdf (or the Low Ink Version) and print enough bingo cards for everyone to have their own card The pdf has 30 cards, each with a random square arrangement. Watch a movie together and mark off squares on cards as the events occur in the movie. The first person to get five squares in a line (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal) wins!

Square explainations are provided below. Lively debate amongst participants about whether something counts is encouraged. Being lenient with interpretation helps make it more fun, but if you're filling in a half dozen squares in the first few minutes, you might be too lenient. Be patient, most of these things happen in most movies and are obvious when they do.



Movie Suggestions:

The Knight Before Christmas (Netflix)

Medieval magic sends a 14th-century knight to modern-day Ohio, where he falls for a high school science teacher who's disillusioned by love.

The Christmas Calendar (Hulu)

A big city lawyer returns to her small town home to take over her grandmother's bakery. A secret admirer sends a christmas calendar with a new clue each day! .

Christmas Perfection (Hulu)

A control freak wants the perfect holiday, while her best friend prefers spontaneity. Featuring really bad irish accents!

A Christmas in Vermont (Peacock)

The classic story written by script writers with a questionable understanding of the apparel industry and private equity. Also Chevy Chase!

Square Explanations:

Almost Kissed or Interrupted Kiss

Two people start coming together for a kiss, but someone turns or avoids it at the last second. Or two people begin to kiss but the kiss abruptly ends when another character walks in or something happens (like a crash from the kitchen).

Baking

Includes cookie decorating. Excludes cooking or roasting (no, you don't "bake" a turkey).

Business in Trouble / Job Crisis

A business central to the story is struggling, a main character is concerned about losing their job, or something at work urgently needs attention.

Cold Heart Shows Warmth

Someone who is generally negative about a topic begins to open up, show vunerability, or participate and actually enjoys it. Topics include, but are not limited to, christmas in general, life in small towns, or the family business. For example, someone who prefers to keep busy with their work through christmas because they're just not into it (cold heart) – but later they share that they've avoided christmas since they're father passed because it was his favorite holiday (shows warmth).

Career Change / Starting Business

A main character decides to change career or start a new business.

Christmas Miracle, Magic, or Fate

Anything that is specifically called out as a miracle, magic or fate. Also includes anything that happens with a wink from a Santaesque character or is accompanied by sparkle sound effects (you know it when you hear it!).

City Slicker in Small Town

Someone who is obviously out of place in a small town.

Decorating for Christmas

Any character or extra putting up christmas decorations.

Elder Offers an Anecdote or Advice

An older character tells a meaningful story or offers advice to a main character.

Ex Turns Up

Must be unexpected, at least to the main character. Commonly occurs by bumping (sometimes literally) into the ex around town while home for christmas.

Heartfelt Apology

Must be sincere heartfelt apology, typically for something that happened earlier in the movie. Not for bumping into someone, spilling coffee, etc, (though exceptions may be made if the apology is over the top and cheesy).

Hot Chocolate

Someone says the words "Hot Chocolate" or someone is seen drinking hot chocolate. Children holding mugs can be assumed to be hot chocolate. Adults holding mugs can not be assumed to be hot chocolate unless there is whipped cream on top, a candy cane sticking out, or marshmallows visible.

Ice Skating / Carriage Ride

Ice skating or a carriage rides (can be extras or b-roll).

Learned a Lesson

Someone proclaims that they've learned a lesson or changed their ways.

Move to Hometown or Small Town

Main character decides to move back home to be closer to family or move into the small town for a simpler or more authentic life.

Nostalgia for the Deceased

A deceased person is discussed with nostalgia.

Noticed Touch

Two characters touch and one, both, or a different character notices the touch in an obvious way, by looking at the touch or smiling.

Playful Flirting

Not simply flirting, but playfully flirting. For example throwing flour while baking, throwing tinsel while decorating, or throwing snow while outside. Usually involves throwing something.

Playing in the Snow

Building a snowman, having a snowball fight, sledding, or skiing. Can be anyone, including extras or in b-roll.

Quarrel with Obvious Love Interest

A major disagreement with the obvious love interest (you know who they are!). A "How could you?!!" kind of quarrel.

Snowing

Snow falling from the sky. Can be b-roll, but not still old timey photos in a montage.

Secret Plans Afoot

Someone in the movie has a plan that is unknown to others in the movie.

Town Event

Christmas market, christmas caroling, performance, or widely attended party.

Inquiry about Obvious Love Interest

A friend or family member asks about the obvious love interest. The main character usually dismisses it as nothing, but we all know that it's something!