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 and print enough bingo cards for everyone to have their own card The pdf has 30 cards, each with a random square arrangement. Then 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!

Specific explainations for every square is 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.



You can customize your game by downloading SquareList.txt. Add, remove, and edit items in the list as you see fit. Then generate your own cards by copying the list and pasting into the "Enter Words or Numbers Here" field with this bingo card generator: https://myfreebingocards.com/bingo-card-generator.

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.

Career Change / Starting Business

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

Carriage Ride

Carriage or sleigh ride. Can be b-roll.

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 Santa-esque 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

Ice skating by anyone (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.

Meet at Restaurant or Cafe

Two characters having conversation in a restaurant or cafe.

Noticed Touch

wo 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.

Snowina

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.

What 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!

Movie Suggestions:

A Christmas in Vermont

The classic story written by script writers with a questionable understanding of the appeal business and private equity. Also Chevy Chase! Free on youtube.

The Christmas Calendar

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! On hulu.

Christmas Perfection

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