

#Unity Iftaar Fruit Basket Setup Guide



Introduction

Distributing fruit baskets to neighbours and the community during Ramadan is a beautiful way to foster goodwill and strengthen bonds. This guide provides step-by-step instructions on preparing these baskets, sourcing materials, and selecting the right mix of fruits, dates, and chocolates.



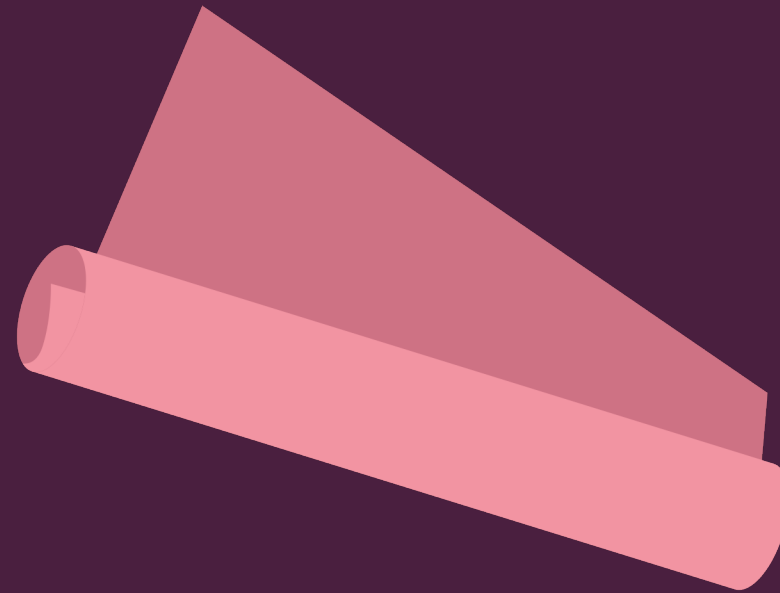
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Preparing the baskets



1. Select the basket

Choose baskets that are sturdy yet visually appealing. Aim for a size that can comfortably hold about 2-3 kilograms of fruit and other items. Wicker baskets or decorative cardboard boxes are excellent choices.



2. Basket lining

Line each basket with decorative tissue paper or a clean, brightly coloured cloth to add an aesthetically pleasing touch.



3. Arrangement

Arrange the items in layers, with heavier fruits at the bottom and delicate items on top. Ensure the arrangement looks inviting and abundant.

Ordering Supplies

Fruits and Dates

Wholesale markets or local supermarkets are ideal for purchasing fresh fruits and dates. Buying in bulk can help keep costs down.



Basket and decorations

Local craft stores or online marketplaces like Amazon, eBay, or local equivalents often offer a variety of baskets and decorative materials at bulk prices.



Chocolates

Consider buying chocolates in bulk from wholesale retailers or confectionery outlets. Opt for individually wrapped chocolates to maintain hygiene and ease of distribution.



Selection of Goods



Fruits

Choose a mix of durable fruits that do not bruise easily. Apples, oranges, pears, and bananas are popular choices. You might also consider including seasonal fruits to add variety.



Dates

Dates are a traditional food to break the fast during Ramadan, symbolising warmth and hospitality. Select high-quality, plump dates that are soft and sweet.



Chocolates

Add a few pieces of individually wrapped chocolates to give the basket a festive feel. Choose varieties that are less likely to melt or deform.

Assembling The Basket

Start by placing the heaviest fruits at the bottom.

Step 1

Add a layer of medium-sized fruits, followed by the more delicate items like dates and chocolates on top.

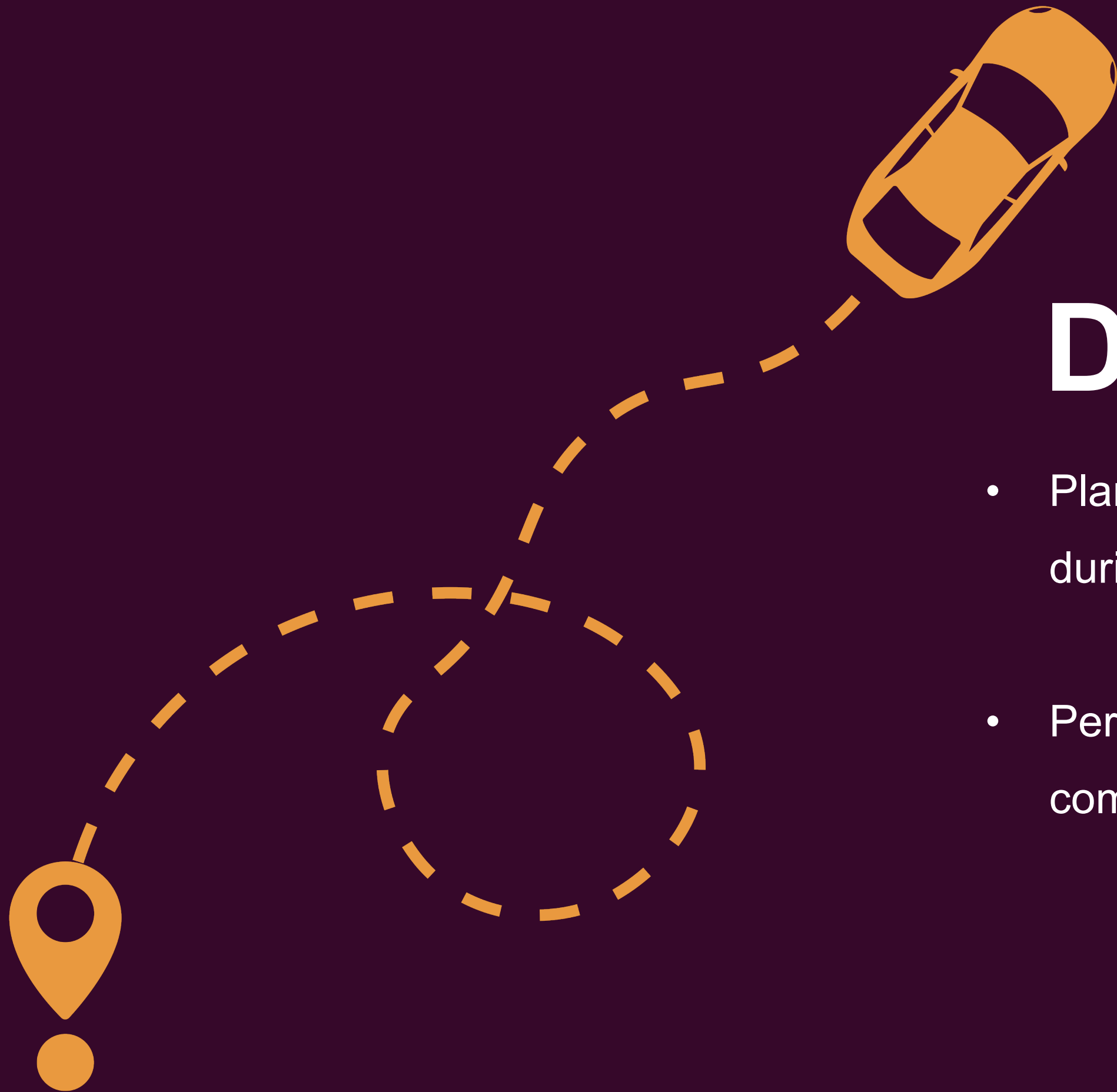
Step 2

If the basket looks sparse, consider adding more tissue paper between layers to create fullness.

Step 3

Finalise the arrangement with a decorative bow or ribbon and attach a card with a friendly message from "Your Muslim Neighbour."

Step 4



Distribution

- Plan the distribution. Deliver the baskets before or during Ramadan to maximise impact.
- Personally deliver the baskets to neighbours and community members.

Managing Expenses



The estimated cost per basket is £5. We encourage each branch to manage these expenses, as the impact on community relations is invaluable.

If your branch requires financial assistance, please reach out to us on unityiftaar.org/support. We are committed to supporting this initiative Insha'Allah and will work together to find a solution.

Conclusion

Your effort in preparing and distributing fruit baskets is a powerful gesture of kindness that reflects the spirit of Ramadan. It's an opportunity to connect with our neighbours, share the joy of the season, and build lasting bridges within our communities. Thank you for contributing to this meaningful cause.



Contact Information

For any inquiries or to discuss financial assistance, please contact us at
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Your participation and support make all the difference.

