

# Party Tips



**While every home is different, the key to throwing a memorable dinner party is to make people feel welcome. All while making it an experience you can enjoy as well.**

**Use these ten tips to make anything you're planning special and unique:**

1. Keep your dining room cool (approximately 65 degrees) until guests begin arriving. Body heat adds a lot to a space and you want friends comfortable.
2. Think of putting extra hand towels and a flower arrangement in your bathroom – an inexpensive way to make time away from the party also warm and inviting.
3. Ask a guest you trust for a little extra help in prepping and cleaning up afterward. This person can also be a guest host, taking a little of the pressure off of you.
4. To avoid confusion, especially at the end of the party, have a good system in place for keeping coats and personal items well organized.
5. If throwing a potluck, or when people are generous enough to bring a dish, think about a way to label containers and utensils – to ensure their proper return.
6. Don't be afraid to expand your dining space to accommodate as many guests as you want to invite to your party. Feel free to get creative with your furniture.
7. Try something new. Why not mix and match your dinner and glass wear for a fun and playful feel – a great way to utilize smaller or incomplete sets.
8. Think about a wide variety of candle colors and styles – just avoiding anything with strong scents, which may compete with the taste of the meal.
9. Consider the room or area where most people will be mingling. Ample napkins, coasters and tasteful places to deposit waste can be a lifesaver.
10. Most importantly, this is your home. Let people know you want them to be comfortable. Mention this as you mingle, to ensure the good time you have is shared by all.

