

# Hosting For More

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Having a to do list can be helpful.



It is finally getting warmer and warmer, and yes we still have some time left to invite our friends and family over. This summer, we are delighted that our friends are in town, so we had them over. It was such a delight to see them after awhile.

Having a child at home means double the work, so I always like to have a list going to help me prioritize things.

This kind of appetizer platter can be prepared ahead of the time.

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Hosting is one thing I really enjoy doing, and it gives me an opportunity to show how much I appreciate the friendship and support for our friends and family. There are certain etiquettes for hosting and today we will be looking at some of the tips to help you host a successful gathering.

Here are some advices for hosting your guests:

- 1) Have a core message. No matter it's a birthday celebration, house warming, friendship appreciation, or even a

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playdate. Just make sure your guests know what are they being invited for. This will allow them to know what to prepare ahead of the time.

2) Invites and confirmations. There may be a lot to do, but the host needs to personally invite and confirm with the guests to make sure they are actually attending the event.

3) Prepare ahead of the time. Some of the items can be prepared ahead of the time such as fruit platters, finger foods, and desserts, and drinks. If you are planning to host a dinner party, be sure to have a menu available for your guests to make it more exciting and formal! Keep your place as tidy as it can be.

4) Be attentive. Hosts' responsibility is to extend that hospitality to your guests. Help your guests feel welcomed and help them with whatever they are looking for.

5) Don't overburden yourself. Have your guests to ease the work load for you by bringing a dish or two for the potluck style. This is especially helpful if you have little kids around.

6) Have lots of fun and laughters. Hosts need to be able to enjoy the company as well. So don't feel guilty for enjoying yourself!



## Be Genuine

Don't worry about being all perfect as a host. Be genuine and be just who you are. I am sure your personality is what attracts your friends and family the most. Don't worry about having it too structured unless there is a cut off time for example before the kids have a nap or off to bed at night. Open up about yourself and let your friends know what is going on in your life lately. Sometimes I find the genuine sharing is mostly appreciated and it is what made the event so memorable. Therefore, it is important to stick to something simple so your guest can remember.

Let's take advantage of this beautiful weather and start planning for events or get together! If you are hosting then that's great! You are already on top of it!

*Happy Hosting! Xoxo*

