

# great gatherings

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- If using fresh flowers on your food table, select non-fragrant varieties of flowers. The smell of the flowers could interfere with the aroma of your food. Save the fragrant flowers for other areas in the room where your party is taking place.
- The fabric section at your local craft store is a great resource for table coverings. You can find a variety of colors and patterns of fabric to use in place of table cloths.
- Mix and match napkin colors and patterns too add a casual feel to your event.
- Fill metal boxes, bins or pails with ice and use to keep drinks chilled on your serving table.
- Place a small bowl upside down on your table and add a plate to the top to create a pedestal dish and a variety in height on your serving table.
- Have a supply of to-go containers on hand (take out boxes, disposable plastic containers, etc.). When the party is over, let guests help themselves to leftovers. This will save you time when cleaning up.



## the extra touches

- Freeze fruit or edible flowers in your ice cubes.
- Make garnishes for your drinks by using a small flower or heart-shaped cookie cutter to cut a shape from a thin slice of fruit.
- Create a fresh-from-the-bakery look for your Raspberry Truffle Bars. Place each bar on a 3" paper lace doily. Fold up on long sides of the bar and secure in place with a small piece of string or ribbon.
- Send guests home with a small party favor. Wrap up Raspberry Truffle Bars, candy or other treats in a small plastic bag and secure with ribbon.