

12 Tips and Tricks for HOSTING YOUR OWN FRIENDSGIVING



1. MAKE A PLAN

Sometimes pulling off a perfect party is as simple as starting with a to-do list.

2. CREATE CUTE PLACE CARDS

You want your guests to feel special from the moment they arrive. Create place cards that include a little gift.

3. TURN MINI PUMPKINS AND GOURDS INTO VASES

Next, we created a drought-friendly centerpiece ([#CaliforniaProblems](#)) as an alternative to fresh flowers.

4. FOCUS ON BITE-SIZE APPETIZERS AND SIDES

Forgo the traditional turkey dinner and go for bite-size appetizers and side dishes for your meal.

5. SET UP A GLUTEN-FREE HOR D'OEUVRES ZONE

Don't forget about your gluten-free friends! Create a spread that's totally safe and scrumptious for the folks in your life that can't eat gluten.

6. MIX YOUR OWN SIGNATURE COCKTAIL

We created sinfully delicious Chai Bourbon Cocktails for this particular shindig.

7. STAY HYDRATED

Speaking of quenching your thirst, don't forget to stay hydrated.

8. KEEP PLENTY OF FOLDING CHAIRS ON HAND

Get yourself some wooden folding chairs and make sure they fit in with the decor in your home.

9. GIVE YOUR GUESTS SUCCULENT FAVORS

That's right — more succulents! But these ones are for your guests to take home and maybe even plant!

10. PUMP A PARTY-PERFECT PLAYLIST

Use Spotify to make a playlist and invite your friends to add songs that they want to hear.

11. MAKE DAY-AFTER-THANKSGIVING GOODIE "BAGS"

Let your guests assemble their own leftovers goodie bags so they can keep their favorite bites and desserts fresh for the next day.

12. GIVE EVERYONE A JOB (AND A PARTY HAT TO MATCH)

Don't forget about clean-up. Make the task of setting up and cleaning up more fun by giving everyone a job and a party hat to match. From the DJ to the bartender to clean-up crew, make sure all your jobs are covered.

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