

Gobble Gobble and Merry Merry!

THE *Dish* .....  
effortless  
ENTERTAINING®

October 28, 2020

*“Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence.”*

ERMA BOMBECK



*Our Family Oyster Table*

Dear Friends,

With Thanksgiving on the horizon, we continue our Covid holiday entertaining series. As I suggested in two of our “Ten Steps to Effortless Covid Entertaining” ...

*“Get creative and think outside the box.”*

and

*“Gather outside as much as possible.”*

In this newsletter, EE offers two menus and recipes perfect for outdoor gatherings ... Thanksgiving, Christmas, or any other occasion. With either menu, do a little, do a lot, or make it super *effortless* and don't do at all. Hire a caterer! Let these menus and suggestions be your thought-starters.

Another concept that you may want to consider ... a food truck! Many of our cities have fabulous food truck options. In Charlotte, one of my favorites is Big Red, the pizza truck from [True Crafted Pizza](#). Several years ago we attended an outdoor party with Bid Red and it was fantastic! Consider a Tap Truck too! North Carolina based company [Tap Truck NC](#) looks like so much fun and could add a special kick to your party. You could also consider mid-morning Bloodys and Biscuits with a biscuit food truck. In Charlotte, I've spied [Callie's Biscuits](#)... looks like a great way to start a Saturday morning! Create a festive Bloody Mary Bar with Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers, and Mimosas.

### *Other thoughts ...*

- If you typically host a big crowd, consider hosting your party over three to four hours, and stagger your guests. Perhaps you could invite your A - G's for the first hour, H - N's the second hour, O - U's for the third hour, and V - Z's for the last hour. Think what fun it will be for you to more easily visit with all of your guests since fewer will be there at one time!
- Start early afternoon so you can take advantage of the daylight and warmer hours. You'll see several recommendations in Sources & Resources. Even though I've provided online links, I do encourage you to shop locally for as many products as possible. I include online photos and links as an easy way for me to provide suggestions, but so love it when you can find locally!
- Take care of bugs. Even if you're not sensitive to mosquitoes, assume your guests are. Spray before your guests arrive or use organic repellents.

Be sure to refer to the October 8th edition of *The Dish* for [“EE's Ten Steps to Effortless Covid Entertaining”](#) for helpful considerations, and don't hesitate to email with questions.

From our home to yours,



Follow EE on  
[Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)

---

# MENUS

## OYSTER ROAST MENU

- Steamed Oysters with Saltines, Cocktail Sauce, Hot Sauce, and Melted Butter
- [Three Cheese Pimento Cheese](#)
- [Vidalia Onion Dip](#)
- [Ham Rolls](#)
- Carrots and Cukes in Hummus
- [Brunswick Stew](#)
- [Cornbread](#)
- [Irwin's Super Brownies](#)



## BARBECUE AND BRATS MENU

- [Guacamole and Salsa with Chips](#)
- [Vulture Dip](#)
- Grilled Brats on buns with all the fixins'  
...relish, chili sauce, slaw, mustard, onion
- [Barbecue Sliders](#)
- [Slaw](#)
- [Fiesta Black Bean Salad](#)
- [Irwin's Super Brownies](#)



---

## SOURCES & RESOURCES



*Gloves*  
[Available here](#)

*Gas Tripod*  
[Available here](#)



*Bamboo Cocktail Forks*  
[Available here](#)



*Oyster Knives*

If you want to be clever, tie an oyster knife in an oyster glove for each guest. You can give these as a party favor or keep for your next party!

[Available here](#)

## *For The Mains*



*Bamboo Plates*



*Bamboo Cutlery*

Available here:  
[Plates](#) | [Cutlery](#)



*For the Sides and Snacks*



*Disposable Bowls*

[Available here](#)



*Bamboo Cones*



*Bamboo Cone Holder*

... Perfect for chips, veggies, and dips

Available here:  
[Cones](#) | [Holder](#)

## *For the Condiments*

Consider plastic squeeze bottles and/or individual sauce cups.



*Plastic Squeeze Bottles*



*Individual Sauce Cups*

Available here:  
[Bottle](#) | [Sauce Cups](#)

---

## *For the Beverages*

[Sources & Resources](#)



*Cups*

My favorite multi-purpose beverage cup for beer, wine, and cocktails. You can buy already designed or customize. Many of our local paper and stationery shops can order these for you.

[Available here](#)



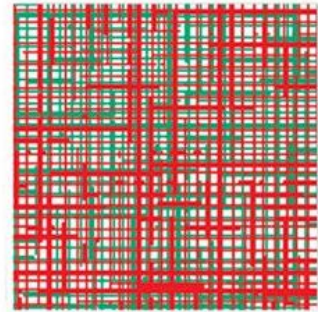
*Glass Markers*  
[Available here](#)

---

### *Extras*

Many of our local kitchen and tabletop stores carry these wonderful Vietri napkins ...  
SHOP LOCAL!





*Paper Napkins*

[Capri Dinner Napkins](#) | [Stripe Cocktail Napkins](#) | [Plaid Dinner Napkins](#)

---

*For The Tables*

Consider butcher paper, which can be replaced frequently or PVC tablecloths which can be cleaned frequently.



*Butcher Paper*  
[Available here](#)





*PVC Tablecloth*  
[White Plaid](#) | [Branch](#)

---

## *For The Trash*



*Disposable Trash Cans*  
[Available here](#)

---

Read more on EE

---

[Become a Member of the Effortless Entertaining Community.](#)

---

*“Thanks DeeDee! Last night was FUN! Keep up your good work with EE!! You inspire so many of us!”*

xx, Annette

We want to hear from you!

Send us your stories and photos!

[Send us comments and photos!](#)



**Effortless Entertaining<sup>®</sup>**

DeeDee Dalrymple

[www.MyEffortlessEntertaining.com](http://www.MyEffortlessEntertaining.com)

---

Copyright © 2020 Effortless Entertaining, All rights reserved.

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

