

Nancy's **top 10 tips** for happy and hospitable special occasion **entertaining** in your home

Create your party plan with these things in mind. Planning weeks ahead is fun, days ahead not-so-fun, and last-minute can mean you'll be frazzled for your friends.

- 1** Seriously consider NOT having a party—no, seriously!
- 2** The guest list
- 3** The theme
- 4** The menu
- 5** The non-perishable goods
- 6** The perishable goods: Know your numbers
- 7** Don't be a martyr! Get and give help so you can enjoy this party too!
- 8** The inviting invitation
- 9** The entertainment
- 10** Organize, organize, organize (a week or weeks ahead)

**BONUS
TIP***

Source the best-quality food ingredients within your budget. Careful sourcing is a large part of your WOW factor as a host, and when your ingredients are THAT good and fresh, you can often use simpler cooking methods.



La preparation des sauces.
Tree House Kitchen
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