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Cheap And Easy Party Food – Throw A Great Party Without Spending A Fortune

By Angela Tyler

If you are planning a party, you already know that food can be one of your biggest expenses.

However, you can take several steps to cut your party food costs. It is not necessary to purchase expensive appetizers and beverages to throw a great party. A little imagination and effort can make your party a memorable occasion.

Here are some ideas and suggestions to help you save money on food when throwing your next party:

Have a potluck

A potluck is certainly cheaper than hiring a caterer and you will save a lot of time and money by having your guests prepare a dish to share with others. Potluck is fun and you will surely end up with an interesting assortment of foods. To make things simpler, include a suggestion as to what type of dish you would like your guests to bring such as a dessert, vegetable, or salad.

Finger foods are fun

Small sandwiches, chips, dips, and vegetable trays are relatively inexpensive and you won't need to bother with place settings and bringing out your best china. Simply supply napkins and small paper plates and allow your guests to serve themselves from an assortment of bite size goodies.

Back to basics

Fruit and cheese are excellent choices for casual party foods that don't require fancy place settings or dishes. Buy fresh fruit in season when you are likely to find certain varieties on sale and fill your table with a variety of cheeses, crackers, and perhaps olives and nuts.

Go Italian

If your party will be a dinner party where fingers foods are not appropriate, you can try spaghetti with garlic bread and salad, or you could find a good deal on pizza that you can have delivered. You will

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save time and it is quite easy to find a bargain on different types of pizza.

Thrifty Thirst Quenchers

For party beverages, two-liter soft drinks and bottled water are inexpensive and very easy to serve. Provide ice and cups and allow your guests to serve themselves. Tea and coffee are cheap as is lemonade that you make fresh or from concentrate.

Your party does not have to cost a lot of money to be a huge success. Look for sales on the foods and beverages you choose and plan ahead so you will have time to shop around before you buy.

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Use The Perfect Party Supplies

By Rachael Cleipher

Everyone loves to attend a great party, but far fewer people I know love to throw a great party. Why? Because it takes a lot of time, energy, and attention to detail to throw any truly great party. From my experience, one of the biggest things that causes people to hesitate about throwing parties is their lack of understanding of what it really takes. It takes a lot to throw a party, but one of the biggest and most necessary elements is having the right party supplies.

It takes party supplies to make a great party just as it takes ingredients to cook a meal. You cannot end up with the finished product you want – a party or a meal – without putting in the right things. Choosing great party supplies can be overwhelming, but I guarantee that it will be less overwhelming if it is done with a theme in mind.

My advice to anyone planning a party for almost any occasion is to have a theme for the party. I have been to far too many parties over the years that seem disconnected and without a point. A well chosen theme will make everything about party planning, including gathering the right party supplies, easier. How do you choose a theme? Simple. Just think about things like the occasion, the guests, the interests of the guests, and the time of the year that you are planning to have your party.

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Thinking through details such as this will enable you to focus in on party supplies and other details that really matter and that will reflect your theme. For example, if you are throwing a birthday party for your eight year old daughter, why not make it a "princess party" and have all of the food, activities, and party supplies surround the theme of princesses. Won't this be much easier than going on no theme at all? If you are throwing a summer anniversary party for your friends, why not take a look back at their wedding photos and try to recreate the style and colors of their wedding day.

Planning great parties and choosing great party supplies just takes time and a little creativity. If you aren't in a hurry, you can plan amazing parties that everyone will enjoy. So get out your planner, look at the next few events that you have planned, and start planning away by choosing a great theme. Let your theme guide all of your party supplies. You'll find that party throwing isn't nearly as stressful as you'd always thought.

Rachael Cleipher has been throwing parties for years. She uses the perfect party supplies by keeping to a theme for each party she throws. Learn more at

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