

Party Menu Balance Planner

Build a menu by role - arrival snack, fresh item, hot anchor, filling item, dessert, drinks, and backup - instead of adding random dishes.

GUEST COUNT	PARTY LENGTH	MEAL OVERLAP?	SERVICE STYLE
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MENU ROLES ☐ Arrival snack ☐ Fresh / crunchy ☐ Hot anchor ☐ Filling item	SUPPORT ☐ Bread / starch ☐ Dessert ☐ Drinks + water ☐ Pantry backup
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REALITY CHECK

☐ Fits one oven / kitchen?

☐ At least two make-ahead items

☐ Not every item needs utensils

☐ Refill plan exists

HOST NOTE / CHANGE I WANT TO REMEMBER

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Pressure-test the menu by role, production method, and serving burden before shopping.

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MENU ROLE	DISH	MAKE-AHEAD?	HOT / COLD	UTENSIL / VESSEL	REFILL?
Arrival snack					
Fresh / crunchy					
Hot anchor					
Filling item					
Bread / starch					
Dessert					
Water					
Other drinks					
Pantry backup					