

Stress Free Dinner Parties Synopsis



2-line Summary: (142 characters including spaces)

Stress Free Dinner Parties shows that event management techniques can give a person the confidence to host a dinner party they will enjoy too.

Short Synopsis: (41 words)

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Medium Synopsis: (96 words)

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Long Synopsis: (387 words)

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Drawing on her personal and professional event planning experiences, lessons learned the hard way, and advice from her Etiquette Heroines, lazy stay at home socialite Alexandria Blalock leads the way.

She helps readers make the most of their limited time using modern management techniques, streamlining their schedule and preparations, and allowing them to accept the comfort of contemporary conveniences.

Readers start by developing a plan for their dinner party, then making their preparations. With all their boxes ticked, they can remain calm as they cook for and entertain their guests. Then clean up, close out and get back to normal. They'll discover:

- **Guests:** How many to invite, who to include and avoid, encourage them to arrive, keep them entertained and then make them leave.
- **Menu:** How to put balance a menu, manage dietary requirements, determine serving sizes, match drinks, and host a dinner party. Even if they can't or won't cook.

- **Home:** How to clean, decorate, and prepare their home for the party - and how to get back to normal after. Making sure they have enough furniture, cookware, dishes, cutlery, and glasses as well as how to avoid buying more.
- **Schedule:** Step-by-step, what to do in the weeks leading up to the party from choosing a date to cleaning the house, laying in supplies, test cooks and working out an agenda for the day.

And as a bonus:

- How to set a budget and keep the costs down.
- How to plan a practical and attractive outfit to wear while cooking.
- How to lay the table.
- Tips and tricks to make you look like a better cook than they are.

All so they can host their dinner party and enjoy it too.

5 Fun Facts from Stress Free Dinner Parties

1. You don't need a dinner table to hold a dinner party.
2. If people have a good time, they'll remember your dinner party with pleasure regardless of what the food was like.
3. Edwardian dinner party hosts would "unfriend" people who didn't turn up for dinner.
4. The most luxurious dishes are often the cheapest to make, but take the longest time to prepare.
5. You can host a dinner party even if you can't or won't cook.

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