

Jubilant Expressions

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Donate the Dress

By Heather Hamilton-Sims

Brides search high and low for the perfect dress for their wedding day and on average will spend approximately \$1,500 to wear it only once. Instead of partaking in the latest craze of trashing the trash, consider making someone else's dreams come true.

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Summer Party Tips

By Bill Parsons

Summer is a great time for parties. You can be outside in the sun. You can eat great foods and enjoy the company of good friends. Throwing a summer party, though, does have its challenging moments. You need some tips for your summer party so you can throw the best party of the block. Lucky for you, here are some top tips that will keep your party going strong and make your guests happy they were invited.

Think Cool

You have to consider the weather when you plan a summer party. While the weather is one of the best things about a summer party it can also be the worst. Depending on where you live you could be dealing with record topping temperatures or super sticky humidity. You need to keep this in mind.

Plan your party for the coolest part of the day. Provide guests with plenty to drink to keep the hydrated. You may wish to avoid alcohol until later in the evening since it can actually be dehydrating. You should also make sure there is plenty of shade to keep guests from getting a nasty sunburn.

Make sure you have the right environment. If you have a backyard

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Houston, TX 77027

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pool then you have the perfect summer party setting. However, if you do not have a backyard pool then you may need to get creative. If your guests have children you might want to provide a kiddie pool or even sprinklers for them to run through to cool down. A great way to cap off the party is serving frozen drinks and icy desserts. This will really help to cool everyone down.

Your top priority is going to be making sure that your guests are not sweating their butts off. Nobody can have fun when they are hot and sticky. You need to ensure that everyone is comfortable. Offer an inside getaway when the heat gets to be too much.

Things to Avoid

You want to avoid some things at a summer party so that you can give your guests the best atmosphere and the highest level of comfort. You will want to avoid foods that are too hot. You do not want to be bland with your food choices, but at the same time you will want to think cool, even with the food. Think light foods that are not heavy on the stomach which can cause discomfort in the heat of summer.

Watch out for melting. You will want to serve cold foods, like ice cream, but they come with a challenge. You have to plan carefully or you will be left with ice cream soup.

Overall your summer party is going to be a blast if everyone is comfortable and having a good time. Do not stress yourself out to the point where you can not have a good time. You will want to make sure that you plan carefully and consider all the challenges of the hot temperatures. With that in mind you should throw a wonderful bash.

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