

Dinner Party Plan -

❖ Two Plus Weeks Prior

- Decide on a Theme
 - Based on menu
 - Based on other inspiration
- Invite Guests
 - Consider menu – Dietary restrictions?

❖ One Week Prior

- Print off recipes for shopping.
 - Survey pantry based on recipes
 - Make sure staple items (flour, sugar, oil) are plentiful
- Survey décor
 - Buy additional items for table/décor
 - Pull china/flatware/glasses out of storage, if needed
 - Plan music and other entertainment

❖ Two Days Prior

- Purchase food from recipes/pantry survey
- Purchase beverages/bar items
- Create food prep list for next two days
 - Organize what can be done ahead
 - Schedule cooking of food based on time required/when it will be served

❖ One day Prior

- Do all make ahead food prep from list
- Organize menu, set schedule for cooking
- Clean house
- Wash china/flatware/glasses
- Dress table minus fresh flowers

❖ Day of Party

- Breathe!
- Purchase and arrange flowers
- Set table with china/flatware/glasses
- Finish food prep based on prep list
- Light candles/set music/arrange entertainment

❖ Enjoy your party!

Dinner Party Food Prep List

❖ Day Before

- Marinate Meats
- Chop vegetables and other aromatics
- Prepare bread dough to ferment overnight in refrigerator (if possible)
- Churn ice cream/sorbet
- Prepare make-ahead dishes (Mashed potatoes, casseroles to be baked next day)

❖ Day of Party

- Long braising/cooking dishes started first
- Prepare fruit/veggie/meat/cheese trays
- Cold desserts like cakes/cookies prepared early
- Punch, Shape and Bench proof breads
- Marinate seafood/shellfish
- Bake bread
- Prepare shorter cooking dishes (Fish/shellfish)
- Prepare warm desserts
- Deep fry dishes just before guests arrive