SEVEN TIPS
FOR THROWING

The Ultimate Brunch

Queen Esther's
KITCHEN

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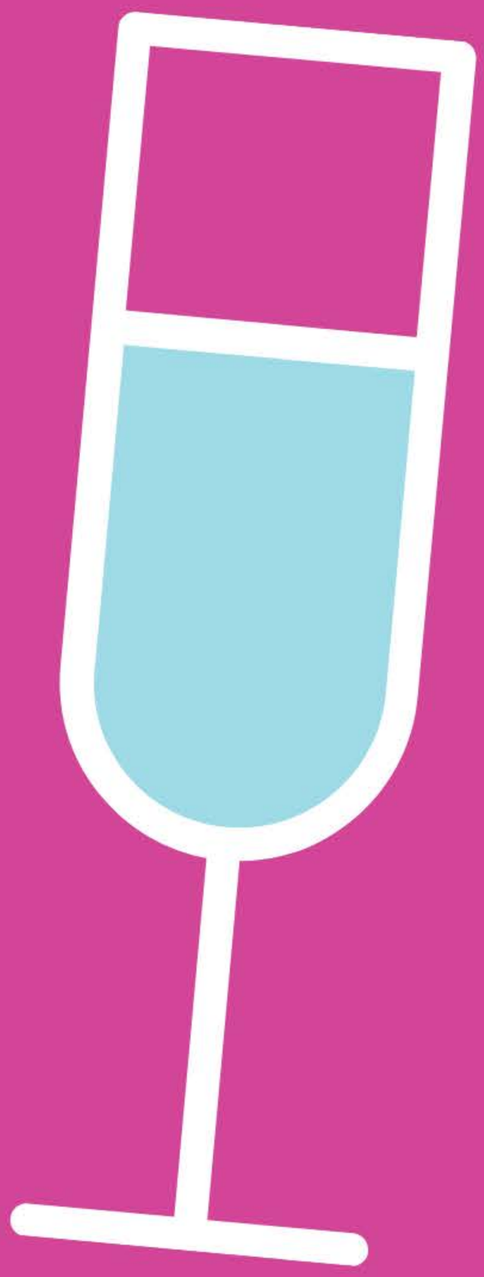
TIP 1:

Create a Menu!



A MENU GIVES DIRECTION AND CLARITY TO YOUR BRUNCH AND ALLOWS YOU TO SHOP PURPOSEFULLY AHEAD OF TIME, PURCHASE ANY TOOLS, DISHES, OR SPECIAL TOUCHES YOU WANT TO ADD, AND PLAN YOUR PREP TIME EFFECTIVELY. PLANNING A MENU ALSO ALLOWS YOU TO CONSIDER GUESTS WITH DIETARY SENSITIVITIES OR RESTRICTIONS SO THAT EVERYONE IS INCLUDED.

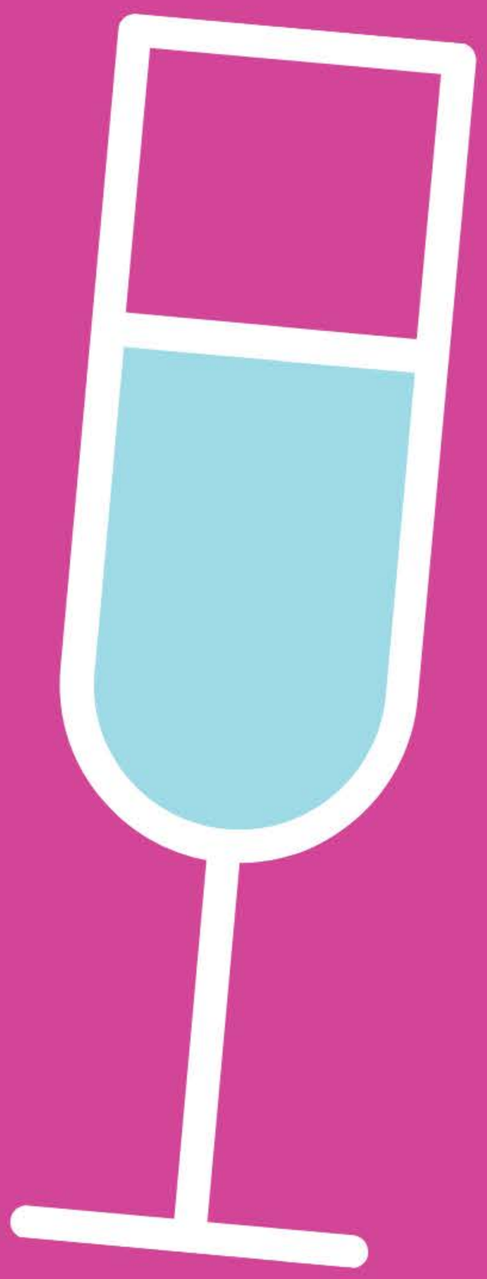
TIP 2:

Make-Ahead Dishes are Your Friend.

THE MORNING OF YOUR BRUNCH WILL BE A WHIRLWIND OF LAST-MINUTE ACTIVITY. SAVE YOURSELF SOME TIME AND SANITY BY MAKING AS MANY THINGS AHEAD OF TIME AS POSSIBLE: QUICHE, BREAKFAST CASSEROLES, AND PASTRIES ARE GREAT BRUNCH OPTIONS THAT YOU CAN PRE-MAKE AND HEAT THE MORNING OF!

TIP 3:

Set Your Spread the Night Before.



THOUGH YOUR FOOD SHOULD BE HOT AND READY, YOUR TABLE CAN BE SET AHEAD OF TIME. PLATES, SERVING DISHES, NAPKINS AND SILVERWARE, CARAFES FOR THE BEVERAGE STATION - DO AS MUCH AS YOU CAN THE NIGHT BEFORE SO THAT IN THE MORNING, YOU CAN LOAD UP YOUR STATIONS WITH FOOD AND DRINKS AND ENJOY PLACING THE FINISHING TOUCHES!

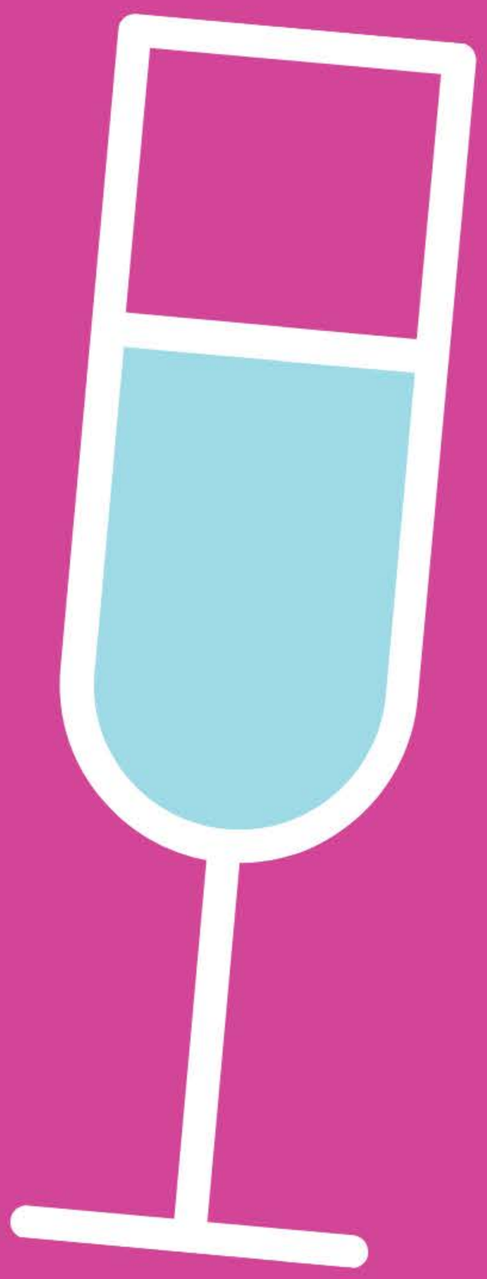
TIP 4:

Consider DIY Serving Stations.

NOT ONLY ARE DIY SERVING STATIONS FUN AND INTERACTIVE, BUT THEY TAKE THE PRESSURE OFF OF YOU, AS THE HOST, TO SERVE EVERYONE'S MEAL! LET YOUR GUESTS CREATE THEIR OWN FOOD ADVENTURES (AND GET CREATIVE WITH YOUR STATIONS! THINK WAFFLE BAR, MAC AND CHEESE BUFFET, BISCUIT BAR, ETC.) GUESTS CAN MIX, MINGLE, AND GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO BREATHE AND ENJOY THEIR COMPANY.

TIP 5:

Fresh Florals Forever!



FRESH FLORALS BRIGHTEN UP THE TABLE AND LIVEN UP ANY ROOM! PLACING A PRETTY BOUQUET ON YOUR BRUNCH TABLE BRINGS HARMONY, COLOR, AND A THOUGHTFUL TOUCH TO YOUR BRUNCH. BUY THESE A DAY OR TWO AHEAD SO THAT TIGHT BUDS HAVE A CHANCE TO BLOOM!

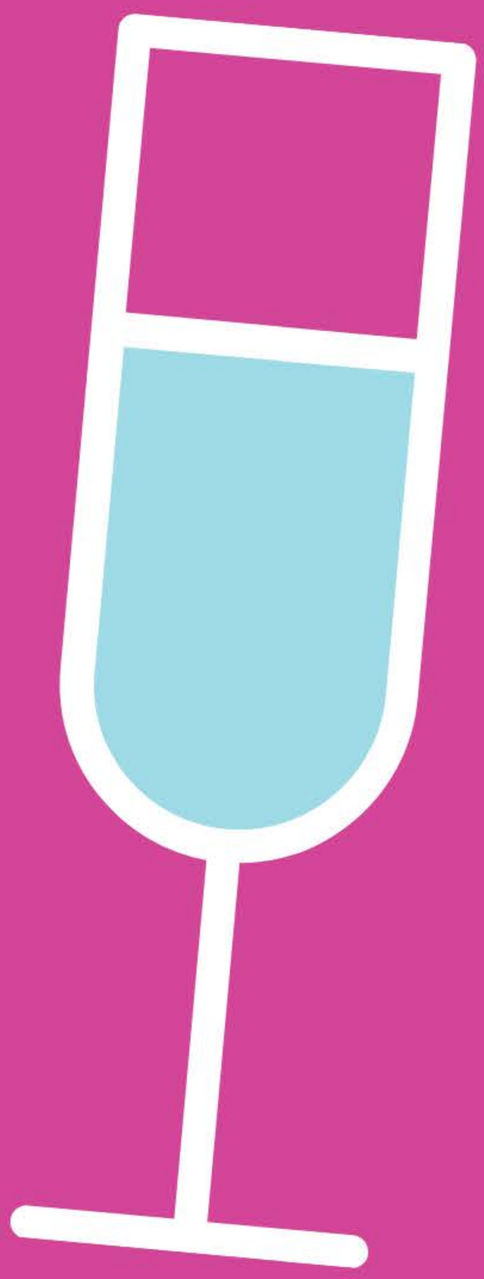
TIP 6:

Music Makes the Mood.

AWKWARD SILENCES BECOME A THING OF THE PAST WHEN YOU'VE GOT A GREAT SOUNDTRACK TO SET THE MOOD! I LOVE USING MY GOOGLE HOME DEVICE TO TAKE CARE OF THE TUNES WHILE MY GUESTS CONVERSE. CHOOSE MUSIC THAT'S PLEASANT, FAMILIAR, AND INVITES PEOPLE TO RELAX BUT STILL HAS SOME ENERGY. ONE OF MY GO-TO PANDORA STATIONS IS "AIN'T NO MOUNTAIN HIGH ENOUGH."

TIP 7:

The Diva is in the Details.



TINY CHALKBOARD SIGNS TO LABEL THE DIFFERENT OFFERINGS ON THE TABLE, CHOPSTICKS FOR AN ASIAN-THEMED BRUNCH, HONEY WANDS FOR THE HONEY JAR - THINK OF LITTLE WAYS TO MAKE YOUR BRUNCH SPECIAL. **BUT **REMEMBER:** YOUR GUESTS WILL HAVE A BLAST EVEN IF YOU DON'T PERSONALIZE HAND-LETTERED NAME CARDS FOR THEIR PLACE SETTINGS. FOCUS ON CREATING A WARM ATMOSPHERE AND THE REST WILL FOLLOW!