



"In *Do It for Less! Parties*, Denise Vivaldo shows you that, yes!, parties are worth the effort. They celebrate life's grand moments, both little and big. Whether you're looking to host a baby shower, celebrate a second marriage, or have the in-laws over for Thanksgiving, you'll find memorable meals of all sorts throughout the book."

—Karen Tripson, cookbook author

## entertaining for a crowd?

*Do It for Less! Parties* is the only guide you need for catering your own event. Packed with more than 65 twice-tested recipes and 9 complete menus, as well as 20 easy hors d'oeuvres you can make in less

than 10 minutes, *Do It for Less! Parties* contains numerous tips, charts, and conversion tables to make the logistics of party-planning a breeze.

The recipes include everything from classics with a twist like Roasted Potato Salad with Dijon Mustard and Chives to world-kitchen favorites like Moroccan Lamb Tagine with Honey and Lemon. Each menu comes with complete shopping lists and a detailed countdown that schedules every component of the preparation down to the last tartlet. Better yet, each recipe and shopping list comes in quantities of 12, 25, 50, and 75, so you can gear your menus to any size event.

And that's just the second half of the book! The first half gives you all the details you need to know *before* you start cooking. You'll find sections on everything from arranging a buffet for the most efficient flow and calculating how much ice you'll need to budgeting the entire event to fit within your means and catering within the confines of the home kitchen.

With 10,000 parties of catering experience to her credit, Denise Vivaldo provides you with an insider's collection of all the tips she's gathered and the lessons she's learned to help you save time, money, and energy when you entertain. You'll learn how to organize spectacular parties on short notice, apply professional catering techniques to your own event, cook delicious food on a budget, minimize stress on everyone involved, and *still* enjoy the party.



Denise Vivaldo

### cookbook at a glance

- 20 hors d'oeuvres in 10 minutes
- 12 no-fail cocktail recipes
- 65 additional twice-tested recipes
- 9 complete menus
- quantities of 12, 25, 50, and 75 for each recipe
- 2 shopping lists for each menu—one for the week before the party and one for the day before
- preparation countdowns for each menu
- 21 charts for estimating quantities needed for everything from tables to alcohol

### *Do It for Less! Parties*

*Tricks of the trade from professional caterers' kitchens*

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