

Celebrating in the Fall Season... Four Ways!

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Fall is a big season in our family. It starts in early May with ‘Leo season’ and goes right through the end of fall with plenty of celebrations including both of our sons’ birthdays. We love any excuse to gather, raise a glass and make someone feel special, but over the years, we’ve learned that the best celebrations aren’t necessarily the biggest ones. They’re the ones that suit the guest of honour, the occasion and the people around the table.

When planning any celebration, birthday or otherwise, think beyond the traditional dinner party. A leisurely brunch can feel relaxed and intimate while also being more time friendly for busy families. A cocktail party creates an energetic, social atmosphere with less work than a more involved dinner or brunch. For a younger crowd, a children’s celebration can be all about fun, food and little touches to make it an experience they’ll remember.

Our advice? Start with the person you’re celebrating, then consider how many guests you are hosting so you can manage the workload and the cost. Whether it’s an elegant dinner or a casual afternoon gathering, thoughtful details, and great food are what make a birthday truly memorable.

For more hosting inspiration check out Eatertainment - a guide to effortless entertaining by Seb & Sheila Centner: sebandsheila.com/eatertainmentbook



Seated Meals

Build the seated dinner or lunch around the season and the guest of honour’s favourite dishes. Add meaningful and thoughtful decorations and details.



Elevated Brunch

Create an elegant spread without the formality of an evening event. Perfect for multigenerational gatherings!



Cocktail Party

Ideal for a bigger group that loves to socialize. Passed bites, mini self-serve grazing stations and drinks throughout the space encourage mingling.



Celebrating Little Ones

The goal isn’t perfection—it’s fun! Pick an age-appropriate theme, an activity to keep the kids busy, and a menu that both kids and parents can enjoy!

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