

Luscious light and lemony luncheon menu delights shower guests and the bride-to-be

Celebrate an upcoming wedding with a luncheon shower for the bride-to-be. Friends and relatives will enjoy the gift-giving activities even more when the menu includes a light chicken salad entrée, refreshing citrus wine cooler and a luscious lemon cake.

Deliciously tangy

Fruited Chicken Salad is a delicious mixture of melon balls, green grapes, cashews and cubed chicken tossed with a creamy dressing of mayonnaise, ginger and bottled lemon juice.

Offer a toast to the happy couple with Citrus Wine Cooler, a combination of dry white wine, orange juice, bottled lemon juice and lemon-lime carbonated beverage.

Perfect finishing touch

Lemony Layered Angel Cake is the perfect light dessert. An angel food cake is cut into three layers that are spread with a creamy filling of tangy bottled lemon juice, eggs and whipping cream.

FRUITED CHICKEN SALAD

(Makes 6 servings)

- 4 cups cubed cooked chicken
- 1 1/2 cups seedless green grape halves
- 1 1/2 cups small cantaloupe balls
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
- 1/2 cup bottled lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger, optional
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup cashews
- Melon rings and lettuce leaves

In large bowl, combine mayonnaise, lemon juice, ginger and salt. Add chicken, grapes, melon and celery, mix well. Chill to blend flavors. Add cashews just before serving. Serve on melon rings and lettuce leaves. Refrigerate leftovers.

CITRUS WINE COOLER

(Makes about 2 1/2 quarts)

- 3 cups orange juice, chilled
- 1 (750 mL) bottle dry white wine, chilled (about 3 cups)
- 1/2 cup bottled lemon juice
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 (32-ounce) bottle lemon-lime carbonated beverage, chilled
- Orange slices

In punch bowl, combine orange juice, wine, lemon juice and sugar; stir until sugar dissolves. Just before serving, add carbonated beverage and orange slices.



FRUITED CHICKEN SALAD, Citrus Wine Cooler and Lemony Angel Cake make a bridal shower a memorable occasion.

LEMONY LAYERED ANGEL CAKE

(Makes one 10-inch cake)

- 1 (14 1/2 or 16-ounce) package angel food cake mix
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup bottled lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup (1 1/2-pint) whipping cream, whipped
- Strawberries, optional

Prepare cake mix as package directs. Cool thoroughly. In small bowl, beat eggs, 1/2 cup sugar and lemon juice until foamy, set aside.

In medium saucepan, combine remaining 1/2 cup sugar and cornstarch. Gradually add water, mix well. Over medium heat, cook and stir until thickened and clear; remove from heat.

And for space saving convenience, they buy multi-functional appliances instead of outfitting their kitchens with 20 individual gadgets.

Fortunately, solutions that save time and space do exist. One is to install appliances in under used areas. Recently developed under cabinet appliances, for example, unclutter countertops without trading off accessibility and convenience.

A recently introduced newcomer to the battle to save space is the undersink dishwasher. General Electric's Spacemaker dishwasher installs in the frequently wasted area under the sink, saving up to 24 inches of valuable wall space. It fits under a special six inch deep single-bowl sink or can be offset under a double-bowl sink to allow use with a disposer.

A little ingenuity goes a long way towards making a small place seem larger. And the more room a newly married couple has, the more they can continue to acquire.

How to organize the new weekend-long wedding

Today's bride rarely marries the boy next door. As the average age of the bride increases to 27 years, so does her opportunity to meet her fiance through college or career. It's more likely that she's from Baltimore, he's from Tucson, and they have friends and relatives scattered at all points in between.

What's the best way to celebrate the merging of these two lifestyles? A party that lasts all weekend!

The "long weekend wedding" encourages out-of-town guests to make the trip and allows the bride and groom, as well as the guests, time to visit with people they rarely see.

Additional events

According to *Bride's* magazine, the weekend wedding goes beyond the traditional ceremony and reception to include a series of dinners, brunches and barbecues, as well as sports and sightseeing events.

"The focal point of these weddings is no longer the 'wedding night,'" says Barbara Tober, Editor-in-Chief of *Bride's* magazine. "Instead it is the joining together of two families, an intensive experience that may be teamed up with an anniversary, a birthday party or other family celebration."

And, as a recent *New York Times* article pointed out in a cover story about this new trend, weekend weddings can be as diverse and unique as the couple.

How can you plan a "weekend wedding?"

• **Think up activities you'll enjoy.** Would a mutual hobby provide a framework for the weekend? Your gourmet club could prepare a feast that caters creative cuisine from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.

• **Are high school friends coming?** Stage a Friday night sock hop complete with rented juke box. Weekend fun might include a softball game (bride's team vs. groom's team), sailing races, a kite-flying competition, a pool party.

• **Let others help.** Be careful not to burden yourselves with too many respon-

sibilities. The bride's brother might organize a ping pong match, the groom's father get his family together for Saturday breakfast. Your bridesmaids might host a softball game or cocktail party in your honor.

• **Pick a home base.** Many hotels offer substantial room-rate reductions for a group. Each guest will pay for hotel rooms and travel expenses, but it's more fun if everyone's staying in the same place, so you could help by reserving blocks of rooms.

Ask if the hotel will throw in a complimentary "hospitality suite," where your guests can snack and mingle between activities. See if something special — a card and box of chocolates — could be placed in each room.

• **Spread the word.** How to inform guests of the weekend's activities? A printed card, enclosed with your invitation, might specify the host, location and time for each event. Guests can then determine which activities they'd like to attend.

Follow-ups help

Very detailed weekend plans? Try sending a form letter. A follow-up letter could update plans for activities (clothes and equipment needed), list who's coming, mention who needs a ride. The letter's title, "Bob and Diane's Marriage Marathon — July 21, 1987," might appear on T-shirts later.

Planning a weekend wedding allows you more time to spend with each guest than you'll have on your wedding day. Keeping activities simple will leave you free to enjoy the fun.

Compromising possessions

Not so long ago, most single women lived with their parents until marriage and collected everything necessary for a home. Meanwhile, bachelors tended to live in apartments furnished with little more than stereo, couch and bar. Today, both men and women leave home earlier and marry later.

Consequently, they accumulate most home comfort "necessities" while still single. For today's newlyweds, combining two sets of possessions into one home can be the first great challenge of married life.

With space at a premium in most first homes, couples quickly become familiar with space-saving techniques. They devise ingenious ways to eliminate clutter and are likely to spend entire Saturdays installing closet organizers or building shelves.

They learn to throw away junk or, at least, items not used in the past 10 years.

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