

# What's Cookin': Creating the perfect party platter

It's almost party platter season, you know, the season where there seems to be either a baby shower, wedding shower, retirement party, graduation party or some sort of party, almost every weekend from now until July.

And most likely, you are going to be either hosting one of these events, or at least invited to attend and instructed to bring something. What to bring?

Here's a little idea for you. Super simple to make and if you are traveling any distance, you can just prepare everything, put in plastic baggies and then assemble on site. You can even do all the prep a day or two in advance with no adverse side effects!

There is a recipe this week for a homemade ranch dressing, which works well in the middle of the platter. Line the platter with leaf lettuce or kale— it helps fill up the platter and give it a fresh look. Then you can chop up some cheeses, meats and veggies to go around. Don't forget to buy some fancy toothpicks so that you can put picks in some of the items. Pickles and/or olives go well here too.

Think of colour when you are shop-



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ping and be sure to buy some red pepper, cherry tomatoes and maybe radishes, because they will be the flash of colour on the tray that will dress it up. Either some clusters of fresh parsley or some celery leaves can help with the garnish as well.

Have fun and keep cooking!

## Ranch Dressing Ingredients

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sour cream or plain yogurt
- 1 tsp each dried dill, dried chives, dried parsley
- 1/2 tsp each garlic powder, onion powder
- salt and pepper to taste

## Method

Combine all ingredients. Let sit over night for best flavor.



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