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# Simple Stunning Parties At Home: Recipes, Ideas, And Inspirations For Creative Entertaining



## Synopsis

"When the opportunity for celebrating knocks, answer the door and offer it some champagne!" says Karen Bussen. Author of the bestselling "Simple Stunning" wedding series, Bussen now directs her expert's eye to a more intimate kind of festivity: the at-home party. Her simple stunning credo, though, remains the same: Create menus featuring wonderful ingredients in no-fuss, crowd-pleasing preparations; combine homemade and store-bought items in fresh, elegant presentations; tailor colors, tableware, and lighting for visual impact; and limit effort, expense, and waste. The book details 12 complete plans for four different kinds of parties: cocktail gatherings, casual suppers, formal dinners, and daytime get-togethers. Each plan includes food and drink menus (with recipes) as well as decor and music suggestions. Following Bussen's advice, you'll delight your guests while showcasing your personal style; which is what great parties are all about.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is one of my favorites in Bussen's Simple Stunning series. I have almost all of them but this parties book is the best! The recipes are easy and the ones I've tried are delicious and each party idea is original and so creative. And the book itself is just beautiful to have on your shelf or coffee table. Highly recommend it!

This is one fantastic book. My husband and I love to entertain at our cottage in the summer and I have used many ideas from this book. We enjoy theme-style get-togethers and I try and do tablescapes that compliment the menu and the theme. The author's ideas are unique yet simple

and it is very easy to create your own versions of her parties. My daughter made her "Bath Crystals" recipe for gifts last December in some Ikea glass jars. What a hit! The salts were wonderful house and hostess gifts. I fully intend to pick up her other books because I have been so impressed with this one. A quick glance through this book will inspire anyone who wants to set a gracious table and have a fun gathering. You don't need expensive items to create a table that is a conversation starter and lets the guests know that they were invited to a "special event". This book would be a great housewarming and/or shower gift. Newlyweds will love the parties from football to oriental themes, it's a NOW book.

Very creative ideas and delicious recipes in this book. A great gift for anyone who likes to entertain with flair. Beautiful color photos too! Had to order it twice though, as the first book arrived damaged. But resolved it courteously and promptly.

I am a huge fan of Karen Bussen's work and this book is a great addition to her library of Simple Stunning volumes. Simple Stunning Parties at Home offers loads of super clever--and practical--tips with great, vivid photos and a writing style that hooks you at the first sentence. This is an invaluable book to have on your shelf! If this book doesn't get you in the mood to throw a party, I don't know what will.

I am inspired to send out the invitations again! Karen Bussen is creative, thoughtful and inspiring. Her ideas make me want to entertain and give me simple, effective ways to create amazing experiences for my family and friends without overwhelming myself with a tremendous amount of work. Karen's approach makes each one of her books better than the last. Simple Stunning Parties is sure to top the best seller list!

I really appreciate how the book is organized so you can plan a themed or perhaps a holiday party, for example, and she provides everything you need to plan for. She provides alternatives and tips for each scenario which is really helpful in some cases. I tend not to follow things like this to the letter but it's still great inspiration for someone like me. I also appreciate that she has all the recipes at the back of the book for the suggested party ideas. In one case she actually tells you in a very simple manner how to turn one of the appy parties into a dinner party using the same foods but simply changing the amount or how it's served. Something she dedicates a chapter to is hostess gifts -- both receiving them and giving them. I tend to think hostess gifts are VERY important and am

delighted to finally see a book that includes this important aspect. Whether you're someone who wants the entire party spelled out in an easy how-to or you simply want some ideas for inspiration, this is one book that fits the bill.

I would have like more recipes. While the book is visually beautiful and offers a lot of great suggestions, the recipe end of it is limited. I would have liked more cocktail party suggestions, most of the party plans and recipes are for sit down meals.

I've been following Bussen's line of books since her first release, Simple Stunning Weddings. Like the others, this book is full of beautiful pictures and decorating ideas. I especially love all of the creative ideas she presents for place-settings! This is a must-have for those of you who enjoy social gatherings in the home.

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