

GREAT HAIR TIPS
For Every Length

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WHAT TO WEAR NOW...
And Into Fall

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LOOKS THAT FIT YOUR BODY

what to bring ... to a dinner party

When dining in a friend's home bring along drinks, cute kitchen accessories or unique treats



HOW SWEET OF YOU

Box of 12 handmade chocolate-dipped butter caramels, \$20; Sans Souci Gourmet Confections, 631-331-4208

more sure things

+ DRINK PINK. White wine is an expected warm-weather choice, so bring a rosé instead. A crisp, light rosé complements all summer meals; a sparkling one is a great aperitif. From left: Schramsberg Brut sparkling rosé 2002, \$36.50; 800-877-3623. Saintsbury Carneros vin gris of pinot noir 2004, \$13; 707-252-0592. Wölffer rosé 2003, \$16; 800-969-4637.



+ BRING BLOOMS. Fresh, beautiful flowers are a classic gesture, but don't make your host temporarily leave her own party to trim the stems, find a vase, and fill it with water. Rather, bring a prearranged bouquet in a tasteful, simple vessel that she can use again.

+ LET THE MUSIC PLAY. A crowd-pleasing CD enlivens any party and gives the host one less detail to think about. Great new picks: *The Legend*, by Johnny Cash (Columbia/Legacy); *Moonlight Serenade*, by Carly Simon (Columbia); and *Whatever: The 90s Pop Culture Box* (Rhino), a mix of hits (and amusing misses).



COCKTAIL CUTIES

A fresh look with predinner drinks. Roman Glass cloth cocktail napkins, Harvey & Strait, \$20/eight; Homenature, 631-287-6277.



SAY IT WITH SALSA

Add chips and take to a guy friend. Salsa Lovers gift pack (\$30/four jars); American Spoon Foods, 888-735-6700.



DRINK DIGESTS

Bottoms up. *Killer Cocktails*, \$20; Barnes & Noble. *Mambo Mixers* (\$17), and *Punch* (\$15); both at amazon.com.



SPICE THINGS UP

A gorgeous gadget for serious chefs. Porcelain spice grinder, Full Contact by Scott Henderson, \$35; 800-447-6662.



JUST CHEW IT

A collectible tin of saltwater taffy has timeless appeal. Sixteen flavors, \$19 for 2 lb.; Frainger's, 800-441-1404.