

# Hospitality Ideas

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I grew up in a home where friends were always welcome without an invitation. Even if my mother was busy when there was a knock on the door, she stopped what she was doing and made them feel welcome. She would invite them to have a cup of coffee or heat water for tea. I didn't realize at the time she had the "gift of

hospitality"... it was just how you treated people when they came to your home. This made a difference in how I am today. I love having people stop by and share their time with me!



What makes a person feel welcome in your home ...

When you open the door with a smile.  
When you offer them refreshments.  
When you do not make them feel rushed to leave!





Some people are not comfortable in having guests in to eat. To help make the experience of entertaining dinner guests less stressful, there are steps you can take:



◇ **Start with a small group of people you know well.**

◇ Ask if any of your guests have dietary needs before planning what to serve.

◇ **Plan a simple menu you are familiar with.** (This is not the time to try something new!)



◇ Set the table the day before so you will have more time to do your shopping and prepare the food.



◇ **Look over your menu while making your shopping list to make sure you get everything you need.**

◇ Serve a dessert you can make the day before.

◇ **Write down the time each dish takes to cook.** This will help make sure everything is ready at the same time.

◇ Relax and enjoy your guests!



*Always remember ... people will long remember how you made them feel rather than what you served them to eat!*

