

Hospitality Ideas

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The stage is set!

Take your place!

Hit your mark!

Position your hands!

Open your heart!

Here comes someone now!

Smile and say,

"Welcome to

Mug and Muffin!"



The women in my church were looking for a way to get together occasionally without it being a Circle Meeting or a big general meeting that called for detailed planning. My friend and I had heard of a *Mug and Muffin* and decided to present our idea to the group. We both understood that you can plan a *Mug and Muffin* any way you want. We kept it very simple.



The first thing we did was prepare an invitation for all ladies in morning worship. These were handed out as they left church.

The invitation simply stated there would be a *Mug and Muffin* with the date, time and place. They were asked to please bring their own special mug.



We had decided and made plans with the owner of a small restaurant that we could bring our own mug, and for \$5.00 we could have a breakfast roll or muffin and all the coffee or tea we wanted. Our time is usually 9:30

a.m. Our plan was to meet for one hour, tell why we had chosen the mug we brought, enjoy the goodies and have good girl talk for 55 minutes. The last five minutes would be spent listening to or participating in a closing devotional, prepared and given by someone attending the last *Mug and Muffin*. This idea has gone

over especially well with our women. It is important to stick to the hour because women are so busy and stressed for time.



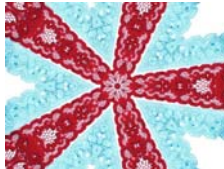
Now, anytime that we have an activity or special meeting and *no one wants to clean up or prepare food*, we simply call it a *Mug and Muffin* and everyone knows to bring their own mug and a muffin. We always have great attendance.



Some other ideas for a *Mug and Muffin* would be to come up with different invitation lists such as women under 30, single women, grandmothers ...



You might want to provide the drinks and muffins and have the group in your home or the church.



You might also want to plan a theme and have a speaker talk on something lighthearted like a craft or something very serious, such as explaining a grandparent's death to a young child. You could have everyone bring a tip on home organization or storage ideas, holiday decorations, raising responsible kids, prayer and the list could go on and on.



This kind of meeting forms lasting friendships and suddenly you realize the women have developed a closeness and they want to be together more and more. This will only strengthen the women's ministry in your church. YOU design the plan that fits best for your *Mug and Muffin*.

