

A close-up photograph of a flowering branch with vibrant green leaves and delicate pink and white blossoms. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing a gradient of pink. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue and white, suggesting a bright, sunny day.

HOST YOUR GATHERING

Blissful Blossoms

Spring is in the air! In the spirit of letting your friendships blossom, use this guide to host your own gathering we've called Blissful Blossoms. Included are our hosting guide as well as a Pinterest moodboard and recipes, Spotify playlist, printable conversation cards, and custom menu and name card templates.

The Theme

May marks the height of Springtime - a time of blooming flowers, growth, and renewal. The theme of Blissful Blossoms is inspired by new beginnings and the sense of optimism that Springtime brings. The gathering is designed to celebrate our friendships and give them the opportunity to blossom.

The Structure

It is helpful to have a thoughtful structure to your gathering. That being said, this is simply a guide to how you might want to run your gathering. Keep your gathering flexible and allow room for organic conversation and connections.

NUMBER OF GUESTS

8-12

VENUE

Indoor: Living room or dining room

Outdoor: Garden, backyard, or park

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Discuss meeting new people, fostering old friendships, and growing new friendships.

TIMELINE

Meet, Greet, & Mingle *30 mins*

Greet your guests as they arrive with a springtime or floral drink and bite. Have guests meet and mingle as they ask each other a specific ice breaker question like “What is your favorite thing about your best friend?”

Dine & Converse *1-2 hours*

Begin dining as guests talk about their thoughts on what makes a good friend and their top 3 qualities in what they look for in a friend. As you continue dinner, break up into small groups to discuss questions on the conversation menu. In the last 30 mins, have half of your guests (ex: 5 people, if you have a total of 10 guests) switch seats and discuss the questions on your conversation menu.

Wrap Up *30 mins*

Allow guests to open up conversations and continue mingling. Wrap up dinner and, eventually, say your good-byes!

The Setting

The setting and decor of your gathering sets the tone and mood for your guests. In this gathering, we were inspired by the fresh and vibrant feel of Springtime. Create a setting that is light, bright, and gives a sense of growth, renewal, and celebration with our recommended decor, colors, and music.

MOOD & TABLESCAPE

The mood of the Blissful Blossoms theme exudes springtime visually through its colors and decor. We chose bright and cheery colors reminiscent of the landscape you would find in May - blossoming florals, lush greenery, and blue skies. The tablescape includes soft and delicate textures with a focus on florals and linens.

Here are some decor ideas that you can include to create a Blissful Blossoms mood:

- Think about your favorite memories from spring. Incorporate decor that remind you of the feelings, sights, and smells of the season.
- Use natural fabrics for your textiles (napkins, table cloth, pillows, etc...) such as cotton, jute, sisel, hemp, and linen.
- Let your environment do the work for you! Host your gathering in a backyard, patio, park, or garden during a calm, warm day to place your guests right in a springtime setting.



- If you are indoors, decorate the room that you are holding your gathering with seasonal flowers and greenery, glassware and light ceramics. You can keep it minimal, with delicate flowers in bud vases and sparse greenery, or you can go all out and fill the room with lush florals.
- Use simple and neutral dinnerware, servingware, and table placements or use pops of color and floral motifs.
- Keep your tablescape simple - place candles and vases with florals across the table.

For more inspiration, take a look at our

[Blissful Blossoms Moodboard](#)



COLOR PALLETE

BLUSH
#E3C4BD

SKY BLUE
#B3D6ED

ROSE
#D096A7

LILAC
#CEB9D3

APRICOT
#F19E7B

PERIWINKLE
#6B7FBC

MARIGOLD
#DFC462

MOSS
#93A85F

PLAYLIST

Sounds play a big part in setting the tone in our experiences. We've put together a fresh and vibrant 2 hour playlist to put your guests in a Blissful Blossoms mood. We chose 39 thematic songs to play during your gathering around blossoming florals and friendship.

Check out the full [Blissful Blossom Spotify Playlist](#)

FRIENDS
Vacations



THE TIME FOR FLOWERS
Emily Scott Robinson



WHEN I'M WITH YOU
Best Coast



BEST FRIEND
LaufeY



LITTLE SUNFLOWER
Dorothy Ashby



COMPANY
Yakul



DANDELIONS
Jealous of the Birds



KHALA MY FRIEND
Amanaz



WILDFLOWER
Beach House



The Menu

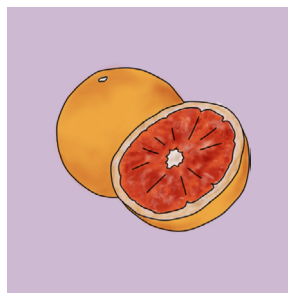
Your Blissful Blossoms menu should feature fresh, light and vibrant dishes that showcase the flavors and ingredients of the season. Our [customizable menu](#) includes ricotta toast with figs and balsamic glaze, a spring fennel salad, roasted chicken with fingerling potatoes and asparagus, berry mousse, and is accompanied by an Elderberry Gimlet or Grapefruit Spritz. We've curated a collection of dishes - appetizers, salads, mains, desserts, and drinks - that highlight the key ingredients of the theme.

For recipes, take a look at our [Blissful Blossoms Menu Inspiration](#)

Key Ingredients



Asparagus



Grapefruit



Fennel



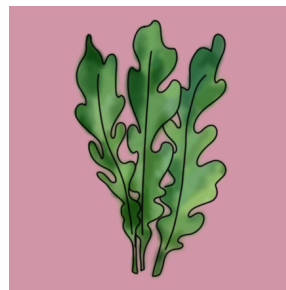
Beets



Radish



Figs



Arugula



Elderberry



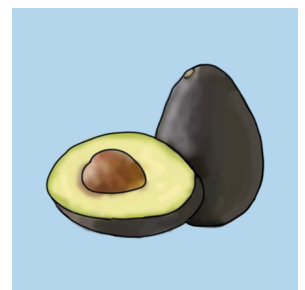
Peas



Orange Blossom



Spinach



Avocado

Conversation Cards

To help guide your gathering conversation, we've put together conversation cards that get increasingly deep and personal - from starter to dessert. That being said, keep your gathering flexible and allow conversation to develop naturally. We've designed this page to be easily printed out and cut, so that you can have your cards on hand.

STARTER

What most frustrates you about your social life or social scene?

STARTER

What helps you create deeper connections with others?

MAIN

How do you go about turning strangers into friends?

MAIN

How do you prioritize the friendships in your life?

DESSERT

In what ways have you fostered your existing friendships?

DESSERT

What do you want your friendships to look like going forward?

Customize your gathering

We've created printable templates for your menu and name cards so that you can customize your gathering however best suits you.

Customize Menu 1



MENU

APPETIZER
Ricotta Toast
with figs and balsamic glaze

SALAD
Spring Fennel Salad

MAIN
Roasted Chicken
with fingerling potatoes and asparagus

DESSERT
Berry Mousse

DRINKS
Elderberry Gimlet
Grapefruit Spritz

The menu card features a light beige background with floral illustrations of purple and blue flowers in the top-left and bottom-left corners. The text is centered and uses a serif font for the title and a sans-serif font for the items.

Customize Menu 2



MENU

APPETIZER
Ricotta Toast
with figs and balsamic glaze

SALAD
Spring Fennel Salad

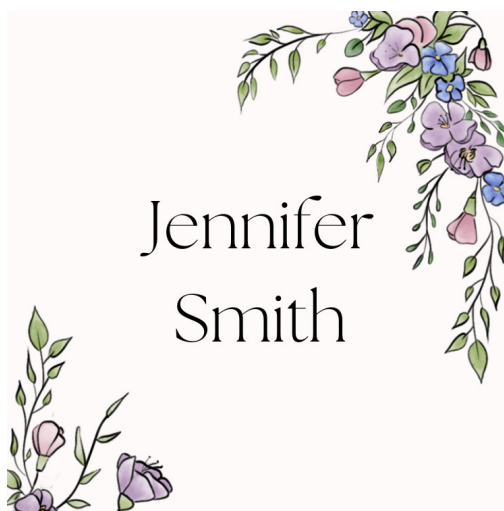
MAIN
Roasted Chicken
with fingerling potatoes and asparagus

DESSERT
Berry Mousse

DRINKS
Elderberry Gimlet
Grapefruit Spritz

The menu card features a light purple background with floral illustrations of purple and blue flowers in the top-left and bottom-left corners. The text is centered and uses a serif font for the title and a sans-serif font for the items.

Customize Name Card 1



Jennifer
Smith

The name card features a light beige background with floral illustrations of purple and blue flowers in the top-right and bottom-left corners. The name is centered and uses a serif font.

Customize Name Card 2



Jennifer Smith

The name card features a white background with a purple border and floral illustrations of purple and blue flowers in the top-right and bottom-left corners. The name is centered and uses a serif font, flanked by horizontal lines and floral motifs.