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How to Host a Memorable Fourth of July Party

Fourth of July is synonymous with food, fireworks, and fun. Here are easy ideas for elevating the occasion.

Set the table in style

Whether you're hosting your party by the pool, on your deck, or in the backyard, make sure to have enough [outdoor seating](#) for everyone to chat, dine, and relax. Set up stations for the food and have separate areas (like [accent tables](#) and [dining sets](#)) where guests can congregate. For a festive touch, use red bandanas to wrap cutlery (real or plastic) and tie with a blue ribbon.

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Sparkling decor makes the day (and night) special

Combine traditional decorations with creative touches for added visual appeal. Besides adorning outdoor spaces with red, white, and blue bunting and flags, you can add your own unique twist. Make a patriotic candleholder by using food coloring to dye rice red and blue (using the white rice as the middle layer) and topping with a flameless tealight for safety. Use as a centerpiece or place a few around your patio or deck for a gorgeous glow. Complete the look with [outdoor pillows](#) in patriotic hues, [planters](#) and accessories.



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Be prepared to feed a crowd

Hots and hamburgers are July 4th staples, but don't be afraid to introduce guests to new treats and flavors. An outdoor bar makes a perfect buffet area. Get creative with condiments, such as offering a corn salsa with chips. Give both traditional choices for picky eaters and new tastes for the more adventurous eaters. Prep as much as you can in advance, so you can enjoy the festivities too. It's likely to be warm out, so keep food safety in mind and provide shaded areas, umbrellas, and a place for all ages to dine and dish.

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Set up an (outdoor) room with a view

Of course, fireworks are the star of the show. If you're lucky enough to be able to watch from your property, set up a viewing area around an [outdoor fireplace](#) to accommodate everyone. Some may want to get cozy on the couch, while others are content to lie back and take in the view from a chaise. We advise keeping pets inside as they can be sensitive to the noise and flurry of activity. If you can't view fireworks from your location, you can still gather around a bonfire, play outdoor party games, or even set up an outdoor entertainment area and watch a scary or funny movie together. It's your party and we can celebrate America's birthday in any way that makes us happy!

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Bonus tip

No birthday is complete without cake and ice cream. To end the night on a sweet note, pre-scoop festive flavors into a muffin tin and place in the freezer. Then, when it's time, you can scoop and place on cones or in dishes in seconds. For a fancy twist, use sherbet instead of ice cream. Easy peasy!

Stay safe and have a healthy, happy, and joyous Fourth of July!

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