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# SUPER BOWL PARTY TIPS

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The Super Bowl is as much about the gathering as it is about the game. Whether you're a huge football fan or just looking to spend time with friends, a Super Bowl party is fun for everyone. So don't fumble on game day. Check out this list of 10 Super Bowl party must-haves to score big points with your guests.

## 1. Keep it Neutral

Unless your hometown team made it to the Super Bowl, chances are your guests will have mixed opinions on who they think should win the big game. So, in order to make all your guests feel welcomed and comfortable regardless of their opinions on which team is better, keep the decor neutral. By making the party about football and not about one particular team, it guarantees that none of your guests will feel singled out while cheering for their team.



## 2. Have a Nacho Bar

If you're looking for an easy menu for your Super Bowl party, look no further than the nacho bar. Guests will love getting to make their own crazy combinations. Create your own queso in the crock pot so it will stay warm throughout the whole party, then provide lots of tortilla chips with all the fixings. Whether your guests want to stick with the traditional chips and cheese or load it up with chicken, veggies and sauces, a nacho bar is a go-to crowd pleaser.



### 3. Make it a Potluck

To keep yourself from going crazy trying to plan out the perfect party menu, make the party a potluck! Each guest can bring an appetizer, chips, drinks or sweets while you supply the main course. That way, you don't get stuck scrambling to make sure all the food is ready, and everyone gets to bring a little something to the party.



### 4. Ice, Ice, Ice

Ice seems to be the number one thing people forget to supply for parties. Sometimes your ice maker just won't cut it, especially if you have lots of thirsty guests. Make sure to stock up before the party so you don't find yourself running out to the store at halftime to grab another bag. Even if you think one bag is enough, get two. If you think two bags is enough, get four. You'll be glad you did.

### 5. Have Open Seating

Creating a comfortable game-viewing environment is essential. No one wants to feel like they have to stay in one spot all night in fear of losing their seat. Bring throw pillows, bean bags of comfy cushions into the main viewing area and scatter them around the floor so people will have plenty of places to sit.



### 6. Take it Outside

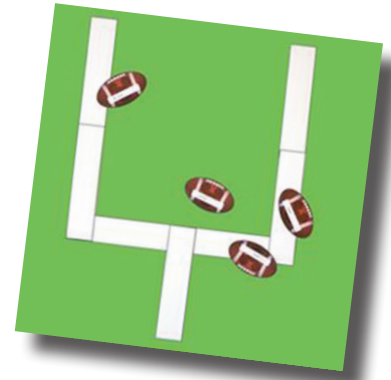
Having a small home doesn't have to stop you from throwing an awesome Super Bowl party. If you don't think you can fit all your guests in your home, take the party outside. Set the TV and all the necessary equipment up on a table on your porch, patio or in the yard. Lay out blankets, lawn chairs or any other seating you can think of and you have your own outdoor screening area. If you decide to go with an outdoor party, just keep the weather in mind.

### 7. Play Football!

If you and your guests are an athletic bunch, you can get together and have your own football game. Whether you choose to do it before the game or during halftime (if you don't care much for the halftime performer), a friendly game of touch football is the perfect way to burn off all those snacks you've been munching on. Just remember, keep it fun, friendly and fair!

### 8. Rank Commercials

Let's face it, sometimes people only watch the Super Bowl for the commercials. If you and your friends are more interested in what's going on outside of the football stadium, make the party even more fun by ranking the best commercials. This works best for small gatherings, and is a great way to get everyone engaged with one another. Plus, for those non-sports lovers, it's something fun to do while the actual game is going on.



### 9. Other Games, Too

While the big game and the commercials are likely to keep guests engaged throughout the party, it doesn't hurt to add a bit of handmade entertainment for anyone in need of a change of scenery. One go-to football themed game is "Pin the Football in the Goal Posts." With the same concept as "Pin the Tail on the Donkey," guests can be blindfolded and try to pin the football between the goal posts. This is also a great distraction for kids who may not be able to sit through the whole game.



### 10. Don't Forget the Party Favors

After a long night of cheering and rooting for their favorite teams, some guests may feel a little sour if the game didn't go their way. So, to end their night on a sweet note, send each guest home with a "Super Bowl ring." Just grab a bag of ring pops, put them in a bowl and make sure everyone grabs one on the way out. It's a cheap, easy party favor that your friends and family will love.