# Easter Planning Guide Gather with friends and family to

celebrate Easter Sunday.

The Menu



The Table



The Basket



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## Countdown to Brunch/Dinner Time Line

#### Four Weeks Ahead

Set the Date and Time
Select the menu- Make ahead dishes.
Write down when you will prepare the dish.
Order any flowers or foods in advance of the dinner.
Invite your guests with pretty invitation.
Think about your table decor.
Plan place-settings, centerpiece, florals, napkin folds.

## Countdown to Brunch/Dinner Time Line

Three Weeks Ahead

Mail the invitations.

If informal event mail 2 weeks prior to event.

Check your inventory- plates, glassware, silverware, serving dishes for each item, chairs, buffet space, pantry items for recipes. Table linens washed and pressed.

Make a grocery list for dinner. Purchase non perishable items.

## Countdown to Brunch/Dinner Time Line

Three Weeks Ahead

Give some thought to your homes exterior.

Plant seasonal flowers in porch pots,

Clean front door and entry.

<u>Hang festive wreaths.</u>

Spruce up your exterior and entry to give your home a lift.

## Countdown to Brunch/Dinner Time Line

#### Two Weeks Ahead

Shop for Perishables, Order Meats if not making yourself.
Order floral centerpiece if not creating yourself.

Gather any DIY craft project materials and create before the event.

DIY projects:

Paper Cone Favors for Placesettings
How to Set a Pretty Table
How to Fold Bunny Napkin Fold
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#### Countdown to Brunch/Dinner Time Line

#### Four to Two Days Ahead

Make table centerpiece or pick up from florist.

Prepare dishes that are make ahead and refrigerate.

Chill beverages, Make extra ice, Get ice bucket or pretty bowl to serve ice with tongs for self service.

Set up buffet table with serving pieces -elevate dishes to create interest using solid boxes or glass block cubes.

Conceal boxes with wrapping paper, napkins/cloth.

## Countdown to Brunch/Dinner Time Line

#### Three-Two Days Ahead

Select serving utensils for each dish.

Decorate-Set your table scape. Make place cards.

Arrange furniture to maximize seating

Last minute cleaning of house.

Fold napkin folds. Place favors on table unless perishable.

Make dressings for salads, condiments, sauces.

Make desserts.

Make dinner rolls one day ahead or purchase. www.lizbushong.com

## Countdown to Brunch/Dinner Time Line

#### One Day Ahead

Finish preparing all food.

For buffet, fill additional trays with so you can replenish the table by exchanging a full tray for an empty one.

Make beverages, ice tea and coffee

Set lined trash container out of site but accessible.

Reserve 45 minutes for you to relax and get yourself ready.

Enjoy the Dinner!

# Easter Brunch Recipe Single Egg Souffle or One Casserole



# Easter Brunch Recipe Almond Poppy Seed Muffins



Fruit Salad with Pear Sauce



Triple Lemonade Recipe



# Easter Brunch Recipe Bunny Roll Make in Moments









# Set the Table

#### Materials

Glass Canisters Candles Scrapbook Paper Grapevine wreath Faux Tulips **Placemats** White Dinner Plates Easter Salad Plates Napkin Rings **Napkins Dessert Cups or Plate** 



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# the Basket

#### **Materials**

Wicker Basket Faux Grass Select Color Scheme Candies in Scheme **Chocolate Bunnies** Marbled Dyed Eggs Something Cuddly Stuffed bunny/chick Something **Sentimental** Story Book Bible

