



## Creative Entertaining: Throw a Beach Blast

Bring the beach to your own backyard with a seaside theme party that's oh so chic for summer. Learn how to create the look!

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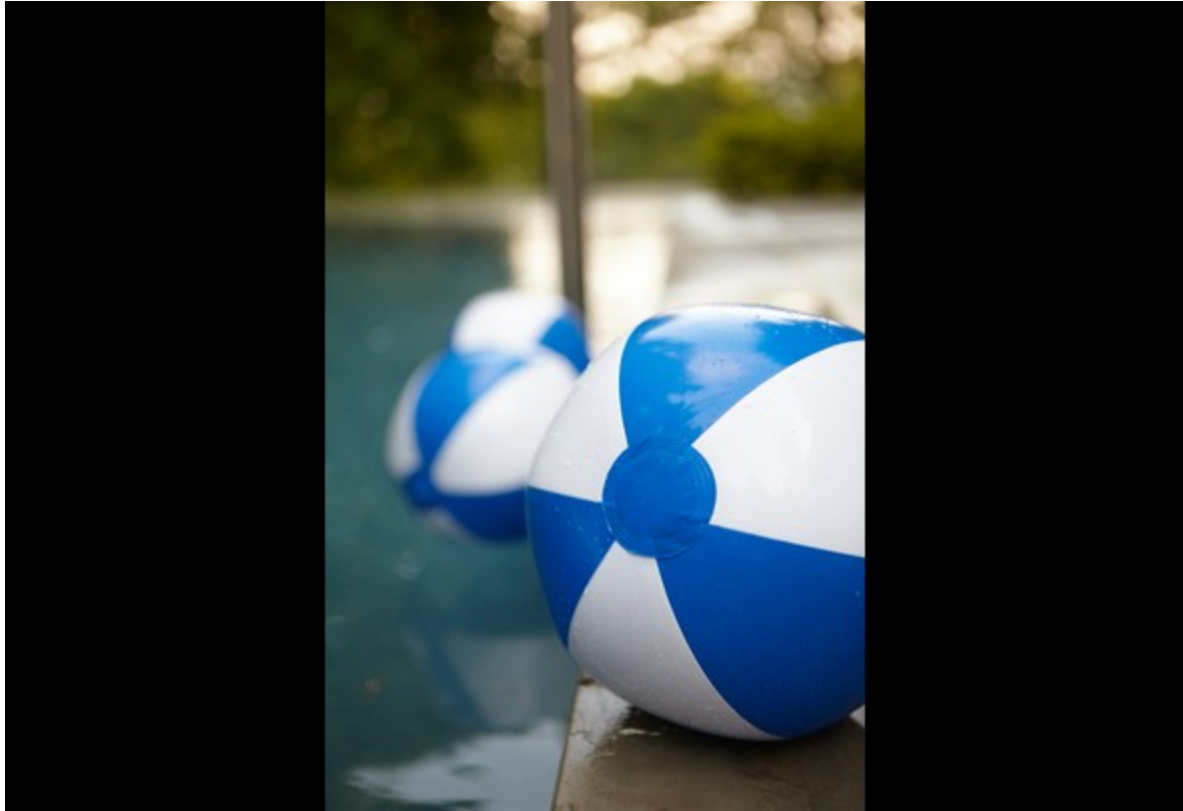
## Find Your Party Theme

Rana wanted a party inspired by the beach, and looked to the ocean, glistening white sands and green palm trees for ideas.



## Decorations that Won't Break the Budget

Think of items that tie in the theme and don't cost a lot. These seashells were great on tables, or collected in glass jars.



## Creative Décor

With inspiration of a beach theme in hand, Rana sourced items that touched on her party colours and would add to the theme. She found these colourful beach balls on Amazon.



## Pay Attention to Decor Details

When creating a party theme, it's all in the details. Going the extra mile and finding pieces that'll conjure a feel and visual reference will really impress guests and solidify the theme.



## Party Décor

Rana found these glass roped balls from Pottery Barn. They bring to mind a seaside town.



## Driftwood Beach Décor

Look for easy-to-find accents, like driftwood.



## Setting a Beach Themed Table

Rana found table linens that tied into the white and blue party colours, and added some sparkle with beaded napkin rings.





## Set the Mood

Rana nixed harsh lighting and used floating candles and white flowers to set the mood.





## Serving Wines at Parties

A colourful bucket filled with crushed ice is a great, decorative way to keep wine handy for guests.



## Make it Special

Find chic trays and colourful tea towels to serve drinks on.



## Serve Seasonal Drinks

Consider the season and theme of your party when creating the menu and drink list. Mojitos are a great, refreshing summer beverage.



## Rana's Signature Drink

For a personalized touch, Rana created her own drink: champagne with St. Germain and a lemon twist. She named it the Beach Fizz.



## Keep Your Party Casual

Avoid the stress of a sit down dinner by serving dinner at a buffet. This allows guests to move around freely and talk with everyone.



## Guest-Friendly Fare

Rana kept the menu simple and served food that wouldn't be too messy for guests to eat while socializing.





## Perfect Party Plating

Get creative with plating and serve simple appetizers in unique arrangements. Martini glasses are great because they're easy to hold and eat from.





## Fire Up the Grill

Rana looked for foods that would be easy to grill and simple to serve.



## Creating a Dessert Table

Give guests a feast for the eyes by displaying all of your sweets on a table, with multiple layers and a variety of pretty dishes.



## Colourful Beach Cupcakes

No party's complete without cupcakes!



## Seaside Sweets

These meringues look just like a seashell collection in this gorgeous glass jar.



## Colourful Treats

Rana stayed through to her theme, right through to the final course: dessert! She served mini beach buckets filled with delicious treats.



## Seashell Inspired

Even the icing on the cake resembles seashells!