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!