

# HOW TO HOST AN ELEGANT DINNER PARTY ON A BUDGET

There are many ways to host a dinner party on a small budget. This can be done with class and sophistication.

## CREATE A BUDGET

When preparing your budget, there are a few things to consider. Like how much you are able to spend realistically without having to overspend to get the look and all of the feels that you are hoping your guest will experience. This doesn't have to be expensive. Remember, the most important thing is for your guest to feel welcome and have a good time. After deciding who you want to invite, what you will have for food and drinks, and an idea of how you want to decorate. Then create a budget and stick to it (as close as possible). TIP: Before you shop anywhere for decorations, always start at Dollar Tree!

## CREATE A THEME

Shopping for your party should be fun and exciting. There are many ways to creating a theme but, the most important element is to know your audience. Assuming you have had ample time to spend with the invitees, should give you an indication of what type of person/people they are. Also, the season could also give clues to what type of theme that would be either fun, sophisticated, or both. TIP: Shop around before you buy anything.

## PREPARE THE SPACE

The first thing you want to do to prepare your home or space you're hosting in is to start off with a clean space. I know this may seem obvious but, many people try to decorate on top of clutter. This will oftentimes interfere with the look that you are trying to achieve. Put up all extra decor that may clash with your party decorations. TIP: Keep the boxes or containers that your new items were purchased in and store the extra decor until the party is over. That way you can easily switch to your regular habitat.

