

Valentine Suggestions

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VALENTINE MENU

The following refreshments suggestive of Valentine sentiment might be served on heart-shaped trays made of cardboard covered with red paper:

Creamed Chicken in Heart Timbales
"Heart Beet" Salad Rolls
Ice Cream in Heart Molds
Heart-Shaped Cakes

HEART FRAME FOR PARTNERS

For partners for refreshments I should use the "Heart Frame" idea. Partners are secured very much as if

you were playing the old game "Going to Jerusalem." A large heart-shaped frame covered with pink paper roses hangs over an old sheet in which a cut is made to fit the opening in the frame. The men take turns standing in front of the frame, while the girls march along behind the sheets to the strains of some popular love song. At the striking of a heavy chord the girl whose face is framed in the heart becomes the partner of the waiting man.

Let the refreshments be "hearty" though light, for it always adds a pretty touch to have all sandwiches and little cakes made heart-shaped and the ice cream may be served in heart-shaped ice cups which may be bought inexpensively. Carry the "hearty" idea all through, see that everyone received attention and has a part in the good times, and your guests will long remember your "Hearty Party."



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ST. VALENTINE'S OWN PARTY

The easiest invitation to prepare for a Valentine party is to paste a small red gummed heart sticker on a correspondence card and then write on the card this invitation rhyme:

We'll celebrate Saint Valentine
In a good old-fashioned way,
With Cupids, hearts and verse and rhyme,
So don't forget the day.

Kindly old Saint Valentine appears at the party and wants everybody to find a pleasant companion and be happy.

A clever way to find partners is arranged by cutting hearts out of stiff paper. From the center of each heart cut a key, the keys to be of different shapes. Give the keys to the girls and the hearts to the boys. Tell each boy to find the girl who holds the key to his heart.

FORTUNE HEART TREE

If you cannot rent one of the small,

artificially trimmed shrubs from a florist use a tiny fir tree. The pot or jardiniere should be concealed by a wide band of crepe paper decorated with hearts or Cupids. The tree stands on a small table, the guests ore blind-folded in turn and each plucks a heart from the tree, taking the first one he touches. The hearts are made of all colors, proportions, sizes and materials, and they are supposed to symbolize the sort of heart one will win. A sand-paper heart is labeled "Rough but Useful." There are soft hearts of cotton, warm hearts of red woolen, broken hearts of torn paper, heavy hearts of tea-lead, light hearts decorated with feathers, cold hearts (white hearts sprinkled with diamond dust to represent frost) and sweet hearts of candy; while one heart is decorated with a slice of lemon to symbolize acidity. Some hearts are thin and stringy, but most of them are plump and generous, and while a few may be blue for sadness, or green for jealousy, far the larger majority should be rose colored, yellow or orange.

THE INVITATION

If you are planning to give a party on St. Valentine's day you can have a fine time by making it a "Hearty Party." I should select some very dainty valentine post cards and write the following two lines on them, enclosing them in envelopes before mailing; or use correspondence cards ornamented with gummed heart seals.

On St. Valentine's day
Will you come to my party?
I'll see you have
A welcome right hearty.

HITTING YOUR FORTUNE

Another way to arrange this game is to provide six hearts of different colors. On the back of each heart is written a fortune in rhyme and the game is called "Hitting Your Fortune." The fortunes correspond in a way to the colors of the hearts. That of the gilt heart says:

Good as gold and wealthy, too,
Is the fortune meant for you.

The red heart reads:
Soon the fire of love will start
Red and glowing in your heart.

The blue heart says:
Always loyal, always true,
Is the fortune of the blue.

The legend of the pink heart runs thus:
Pink cheeks, blue eyes, light hair,
Is the one your home to share.

The green heart declares that:
Through the country, through the town,
You will travel up and down.

Lastly the purple heart prophesies:
Crown of laurel, robe of fame,
Means the purple in the game.

No player must learn his fortune until the end of the contest, when each fortune is read off in turn.
The prize for this may be a candy ball or a heart-shaped box filled with round candies like tiny balls.