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America's Style Expert Reveals Entertaining Tips for Last-Minute Labor Day Celebrations

TIKI® Brand and The Chew co-host Clinton Kelly share planning essentials for an effortless outdoor party

MENOMONEE FALLS, Wis. (August 31, 2015) – Summer may be winding down, but there's still time to host one last backyard bash during the upcoming holiday weekend. Pulling together this last-minute affair doesn't have to be stressful as long as you do a little planning ahead of time and follow these key tips.

"Make it a potluck," Clinton Kelly said. "There's no reason you should slave over the grill all day to feed a crowd – assign each guest a side dish and just fix the entrée. And if there's no time to organize, I promise no one will be disappointed if you order takeout pizza or Chinese instead of cooking. Just put it on a pretty plate."

Even though you're not preparing all the food, you can easily prepare the table the food will be served on.

"There's no need to set the table to a T, but do make sure to add color and ambiance with centerpieces," Kelly said. "I like to spread a few TIKI Brand Molded Glass Table Torches along the center of the dinner table to help create a stunning party table that's quick and easy to assemble."

Save time on your party planning by using items you already have instead of running out to buy new things.

"Get creative," Kelly said. "No cooler? No problem. Line a cardboard box with a trash bag, add ice and fill with cold drinks. No outdoor dining table? Throw an old tablecloth onto the ground to create a picnic area. No umbrella? String up a pretty, patterned bedsheet – clean, please – to create some shelter from the sun. So boho!"

Find even more outdoor entertaining tips, recipes and free party playlists here: <http://blog.tikibrand.com/>

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