



'tis the season for this flower

CUTLERY

» **EASY PIECES**

Planning a backyard rehearsal dinner? Equip your guests with a dressed-up version of disposable utensils, wrapped in grab-and-go brown packaging. Beech-wood cutlery with cotton napkin, \$5 per packet, E.A.T. Gifts; 212-861-2544. Melamine tray, Zak Designs; zak.com.



July is all about backyard bashes, state-fair food, and a little thing called summer love.

{ IN SEASON }

Most famous for its chocolate variety, the daisylike **COSMOS** also comes in a spectrum of vibrant hues—making it the perfect pick to brighten your day.



{ FINGER FOOD }

▲ **MIDWAY MUNCHIES** Ferris wheels. Bumper cars. Funnel cakes. Channel the spirit of a summer carnival by serving up sweet and salty snacks like **mini hot dogs, cotton candy, and roasted peanuts** (shown) during your cocktail hour. (Tip: **Jazz things up with candy-striped containers.**) Baking cups, \$7 for 50, bakeitpretty.com.

1 COLOR, 4 WAYS

go green Ideal for an outdoor reception, this happy shade of nature's favorite hue has chameleon-like qualities.

polo club



«**SUMMER GREEN // MIST**
When the color of the moment is paired with the palest of grays, the result is formal enough for even an ultraposh celebration—tent fete in Palm Beach, anyone?

hotel rooftop

SUMMER GREEN // BLACK» Who says outdoor parties can't be edgy? All you need is a sleek space (check), an evening time slot (check), and a mod green-and-black palette (check). A killer DJ doesn't hurt, either.



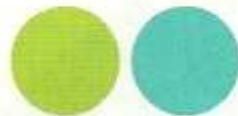
estate winery



«**SUMMER GREEN // ORCHID**
The hues of vines and vino unite to create a romantic color scheme that's perfect for an oenophile's bash. Cast the best light on the match by scheduling your affair in the afternoon.

pool area

SUMMER GREEN // AQUA» A no-brainer for daytime lido's, this sunny combo is tailor-made for a beach or poolside reception. Marrying indoors? These tropical tones will cheer up almost any drab space.



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