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Mark Held, Richard David, Peggy Dark : Fabulous Parties: Food and Flowers for Elegant Entertaining before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fabulous Parties: Food and Flowers for Elegant Entertaining:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Must have cook book for entertaining.By jvTried many of the recipes, and they are delicious and impressive. Surprisingly, they are not difficult.The flowers and table settings are very elegant and were much admired by my friends when I duplicated them (or tried to).And, the photography is so well done that I had to stop and go through the book as soon as it arrived.So pleased with this addition to my collection.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. If you like great parties this is your bookBy Katherine A. WebsterFabulous Parties is a stunning book full of gorgeous colorful photos and clever themes for any style of party you might want to create. The recipes are terrific and not too difficult. The food and cocktails along with those spectacular decorations and flowers will no doubt wow your guests. If you enjoy entertaining with style you must buy this book. Even professional party organizers and caterers could probably find some ideas in this book. I can't wait to make my next party. I will definitely be using some of the ideas I've found here.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book. Lovely picturesBy Paul ThomasGreat book. Lovely pictures. Quite enjoyable.

Packed with advice and inspiration from three of Los Angeles most popular party providers, Fabulous Parties reveals their professional secrets and enables you to create your own sensational celebration for any occasion. Drawing on many years of hands-on experience as floral designers and caterers to Los Angeles A-listers, Mark Held and Richard David of Marks Garden and Peggy Dark of The Kitchen have adapted the principles of putting together a large, lavish event to a more intimate scale and lower budget. The harmonious relationship between food and flowers is clearly shown in beautiful, specially commissioned photographs, which showcase twenty themed events inspired by those created for their celebrity clients. All of the events included have a theme, decor, and menu. Choose from a Rustic Italian Party, a colorful Caribbean Dinner, a lavish New Years Eve celebration, an elegant Wine Tasting, or a glamorous Pink Ladies Luncheon, plus many more. Useful practical instruction on how to achieve professional results at home is given in a section on Floristry Tips and Techniques. Celebrity clients who enjoy parties created by Marks Garden and The Kitchen include Oprah Winfrey, Cher, Diane Keaton, George Clooney, Teri Hatcher, Tommy Hilfiger, Donatella Versace, and many more. I have used Marks Garden for flower arrangements for over a decade, and they never get old or predictable. Lisa Marie Presley.

"I have used Mark's Garden for flowers arrangements for over a decade, and they never get old or predictable. They absolutely raised the bar and started a new revolution in their field." (Lisa Marie Presley)About the AuthorMark Held and Richard David began Mark's Garden in Los Angeles in 1993. The Financial Times has recognized them as one of the most outstanding florists in the world. Their ground-breaking events decor has included celebrity weddings and private parties including, for the past 14 years, The Academy Awards Governor's Ball.Peggy Dark grew up in a family of devoted cooks of the "old school" variety. She worked as a food stylist and spent many years offering cooking classes in Pasadena before founding The Kitchen in 1984. The shop on Colorado Boulevard opened for business in 1984, and it has since emerged as one of the premier catering firms in Los Angeles.Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved.At the height of summer and with outdoor enthusiasm at its peak, what better way to pay tribute to the wonderfully warm weather than by hosting an alfresco fte? Outdoor entertaining is what Canadian summers are all about. Whether intimate in nature, or a big bash for the party animals on the block, a trio of experts offer their top tips for hosting the event of the season. Choosing your theme with caterer Peggy Dark The party planning starts with a theme. Getting inspired by environment and experience is a great starting point. Peggy Dark a caterer, founder of The Kitchen (www.thekitchen.net) and one of the authors of Fabulous Parties: Food and Flowers for Elegant Entertaining transformed her own backyard into an authentic Italian countryside feast. One reason I chose Italy [as the theme] is that I go there constantly, says Peggy, who travelled to Sicily once last year, twice the year before, and is heading there again this summer. Travels are a great source for inspiration. They bring an exotic element to everyday spaces and give you a chance to revisit your favourite vacation and take your guests with you, without ever leaving the yard. Building on your theme is all about the details, says Peggy. From her lush setting to the rich red, orange and green colour scheme, topped off with fresh and fanciful food choices, every element of this fte is a flawless fit. Peggys table features a deep-red tablecloth accented with bright-orange linen runners, adding a festive flair to this fresh setting. Peggy drew from surrounding nature to dress up the space, using moss, fresh flowers, sculptural topiaries and leaf-motif dinner plates, all surrounding a stunning kumquat platter as the centerpiece. Candles dot the table, warming up the setting after the sun has set and well into the night. Peggys ideas are simple and sweet, and most importantly, easy to achieve, inviting guests to linger long after the dinner plates have been cleared. THE MENTION OF AN ITALIAN DINNER CONJURES IMAGES OF A WARM, CONVIVIAL GROUP GATHERED FOR A GOOD TIME AND THAT WAS EXACTLY THE SENSE WE HAD GOING INTO THIS. Excerpted from Fabulous Parties by Mark Held, Richard David and Peggy Dark. Ryland Peters and Small, Hardcover, \$35, 2008. Home and Decor | August 2008 (Home and Decor Magazine, August 2008)