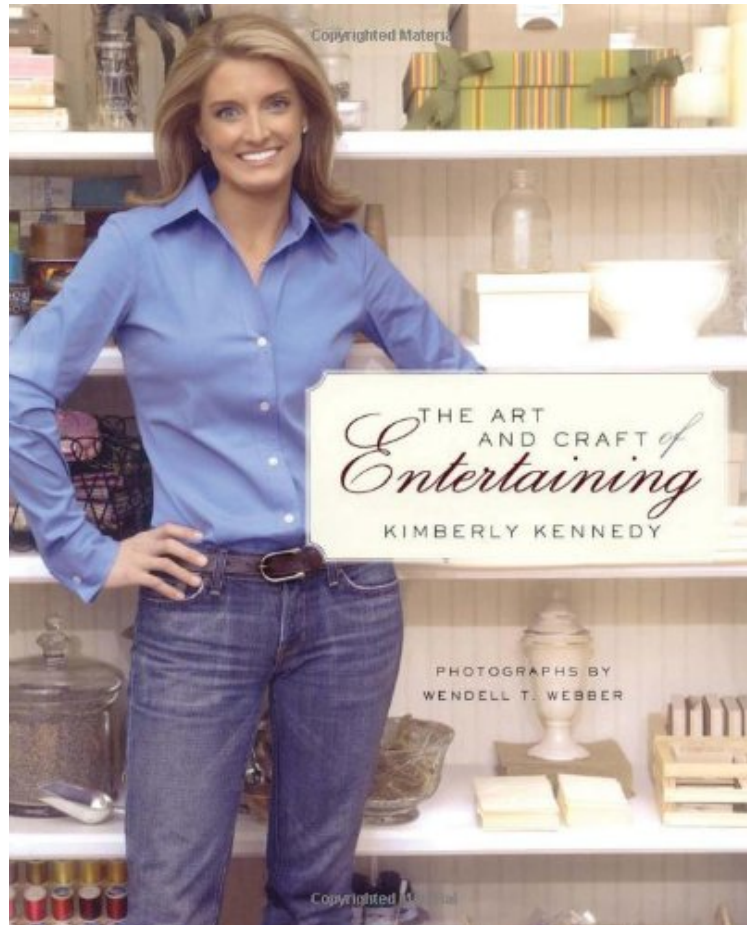


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**Kimberly Kennedy : The Art and Craft of Entertaining** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Art and Craft of Entertaining:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I've actually read the book. By Chris Womack I looked at the reviews of the book and noticed a curious bimodal distribution. People who didn't read the book gave it 1 star to challenge the 5 star reviews they think are from the publisher. I hope people stop doing this! It just isn't helpful. I have had a lot of parties to plan this year. A 1st birthday party, and a 60th birthday. Also hosted Thanksgiving and Christmas for the first time last year, and will most likely be hosting them again this year. I found this book helpful in getting in the party planning mindset. Also thinking ahead about what can be prepared a day ahead is really helpful. I didn't do that last Christmas, and had my family helping me get everything ready. It was a little hectic. For my daughter's first birthday we did a lot the day before so we were more able to enjoy the day with our guests. Perhaps other people know this already, but I'm a novice when it comes to throwing parties, and I liked and used a lot of the ideas in this book. I like the lists of things to do to get ready. It's a fun book to look through as well. Good pictures. I'm not super crafty, and

don't have time or interest to do a lot of the homemade menus and the like, but I've read through them, and think I COULD do them if I wanted. They look easy enough for even a novice like me! ( I did make my own invitations.)I might even give the book five star, but then you'd think I was a publisher!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Library read and then had to have itBy Kimberly F CorlissI picked this up at the library and loved looking through it. I kept thinking about it afterI returned the book and decided I wanted to own it. The ideas are great and she lays out how to do some impressive DIY.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. If you're looking for a few great ideasBy J. ChoiI bought this book for its baby shower projects and not as an overall book on entertaining. Some of the tips on entertaining are a little overplayed and trite - like you need to find your "true" style and go with it. However, there are some great original projects that I haven't seen anywhere else so it was worth the money for me.

Where do I "begin?" That's the question we start with when thinking about throwing a party -- and for many of us, that's the question we end with, too. We may like the idea of entertaining friends and family in our home, but the details -- those how to's of planning the party, making the food, and playing hostess -- can quickly overwhelm us, prompting us to tuck away the idea, waiting for another, better time. But it doesn't have to be that way. With "The Art and Craft of Entertaining, " author Kimberly Kennedy provides all the information and inspiration you need to plan, organize, and carry out a successful no-stress event. Marry some of her ideas with your own, and you'll be on the way to developing your style, gaining confidence as a hostess and elsewhere in your life. Whether you're throwing a cocktail party, a baby shower, or an intimate dinner for two, "The Art and Craft of Entertaining" will take you there, step-by-step. Instructive and encouraging, this essential book lays the groundwork for entertaining with style, demonstrating how to craft a perfect invitation for any occasion, organize your supplies into versatile and efficient arsenals, and plan a satisfying meal without breaking your budget. "The Art and Craft of Entertaining" shows how to mix passion with planning so that you can throw the party of your dreams. Inspiration without intimidation. That's "The Art and Craft of Entertaining."

From BooklistThe next competitor to Martha Stewart, raise your hand! In reality, Kennedy seems far more relaxed than the recognized doyenne of the American home--and her first book's attitude and style underscores that feeling. Color photographs are soft, slightly blurred, and not edgy. The four different parties--wine and cheese, Spanish buffet, southern baby-shower tea, and casual supper--feature easy-to-fashion invitations, menus, and instructions. And her directions for hosting the "Tupperware party for the 21st century" (an unfortunate label from Kennedy's publicists) are logical yet filled with personality. Try, for instance, designing a diaper invitation for a--what else?--baby shower. Or infusing champagne with almond flavoring and a cinnamon stick to create "panache." Sidebars help first-time and experienced party givers cope with any foreseen event, including red-wine spills and tardy guests. More than a dozen each of recipes and crafts lend ideas to those in need. True southern hospitality in print. Barbara JacobsCopyright American Library Association. All rights reservedAbout the AuthorLifestyle contributor to CBS's The Early Show, Kimberly Kennedy is the former owner of two home-based businesses -- catering and handmade baby treasures -- as well as the winner of the television competition Wickedly Perfect. She lives in Atlanta with her husband, Todd, and their little dog, Sadie. Visit her website at [KimberlyKennedy.com](http://KimberlyKennedy.com).