

Your Free Quick 'n' Easy Easter Tips are Below... But Would You Like To Know How You Can Keep On Top Of Special Celebrations Next Time?

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Quick 'n' Easy Easter Tips

Give a reason for the season

- If you're Christian, read the resurrection story in the Bible and attend Easter service. Explain how the Easter bunny and eggs are symbols of new life.
- If you're non-Christian, use Easter to celebrate the coming of Spring when "new" life comes.
- Use stories and books to share with your children why you are celebrating Easter.
- Start your own family tradition for celebrating new life. For example, plant a tree in your backyard.

Celebrate with food

Food is a big part of Easter. But it doesn't have to be elaborate or expensive. Focus on fun, festive and delicious things you can do together, such as:

- Have an eggs-tra special Easter breakfast by cutting toast into bunny, flower or other Easter-themed shapes. Cut toast with a knife or cookie cutters. Or decorate pancakes with cake icing, as if they were Easter eggs.
- If you don't have time or energy to create an entire Easter meal, spice up your usual menu with special Easter touches. Create an Easter basket centerpiece out of a wicker basket you might already have around the house. Decorate it with ribbons and colored paper, and fill with fresh fruits. Or, add an Easter-themed salad or dessert. Here's a recipe for "Easter Bunny Salad":

Cut a pear in half and put it cut-side down on a bed of lettuce. With small pieces of toothpicks, attach two raisins on the small end on the pear to make bunny eyes. Add a cherry for a nose. Push two almond slivers into the sides of the head to make rabbit's ears. Spoon a dollop of cottage cheese on the other end of the bunny to give it a bushy tail.

- If the weather is nice out, take your meal outside and have a picnic or barbecue. What better way to welcome Spring!

Easy Egg Decorating

What is Easter without egg decorating? If the thought of making blown eggs gives you the chills, check out these super-simplified ideas:

- Instead of blown eggs, decorate hard-boiled eggs or even plastic eggs from the grocery or dollar store. For hard-boiled eggs, use food coloring and non-toxic markers so they'll still be edible.
- Here's an easy way to decorate eggs: tie pretty ribbons around them. You might have to put small dabs of non-toxic glue under the ribbons to keep them in place.
- With food coloring and an old toothbrush, apply speckles of color on the eggs. Dip the toothbrush in the food coloring then run a finger across the toothbrush. Protect your work surface with plenty of newspapers and wear aprons.

Homemade Easter Basket

- Sometimes, homemade is better than store-bought. It has more character, plus you'll have more fun! Take an old wicker basket, fruit basket, empty dairy tubs or even shoeboxes. Decorate with colored paper and ribbons - whatever you have lying around the house. Fill with decorated eggs, homemade cookies or muffins, and dollar store finds.

Sugar-Free and Cost-Free Treats

- Instead of giving away candy treats, use your imagination and give your children treats that you cannot buy but they will appreciate nevertheless. You know your kids best, but here are some examples: "One day without chores", "Extra-long bubble bath", "Invite a friend of a sleep over", "Breakfast in bed"... you get the idea! Remember, children value your presence more than your presents.

These are just a few ideas for having a fun and meaningful Easter without breaking your budget - or your diet. We hope these suggestions have inspired you to come up with your own quick and easy ideas that are just right for your family.

Happy Easter!

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Celebrations are fun, but with everything else you're already juggling, sometimes special events just add to the stress! Have you ever been so caught up with making an occasion extra-special for your family ... and find that you're the only one who's not having fun? That's not right.

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