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## **Throw a summer soiree on the cheap**

### **ALL YOU magazine offers tips for classy and creative entertaining**

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There's no better way to beat the summer heat than with easy, breezy entertaining ideas that are affordable and attainable, while still throwing a bash that all will remember.

#### **A DIY party**

Modern times call for creative themes and the do-it-yourself party is the latest trend to draw a crowd. The idea is to bond with friends while simultaneously tackling small home projects. Whether it's a baby's room that needs paint or a garage that cries for reorganizing, here's a way to rally the troops, chip in towards a common goal and enjoy delicious summer eats.

#### **Paint (your) town red**

Ask your friends to pitch in and have a painting party! If you are moving, getting ready for a new baby or sprucing up for an open house, friends want to help so channel energies towards a satisfying and helpful goal. In return, encourage attendees to host their own DIY parties so that the efforts are reciprocal. To rejuvenate an old fabric sofa, use Simply Spray Upholstery Fabric Paint to spruce up stains or give it a whole new look (\$13; 800-261-4772, [www.spraypaint4fabric.com](http://www.spraypaint4fabric.com)).

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