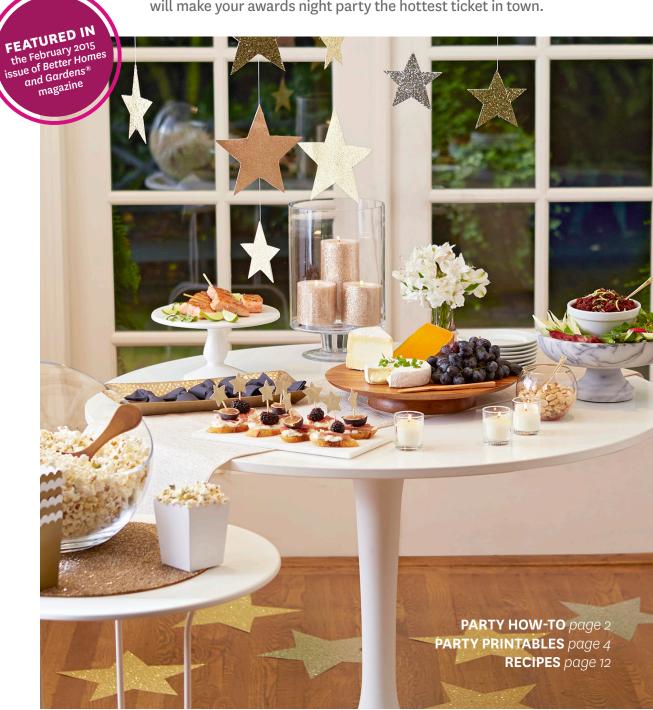
Awards Night Extravaganza

These easy (and glam!) ideas for decor and food will make your awards night party the hottest ticket in town.



Star-Studded Decor







BALLOT GUESSING GAME

Ballot templates (pages 4-6)

Paper

Scissors

Small clipboards

Writing utensils

- 1. Print ballot templates, making sure to have one copy for each expected guest. Consider printing a few extras for mess-ups or unexpected guests. Cut templates along dashed lines.
- 2. Clip each ballot to a small clipboard and hand to guests as they arrive. Have writing utensils handy so guests can fill out the ballots.
- **3.** Let each guest guess winners for the listed categories and collect ballots.

Optional: Kick up the competition by offering a small prize to the guest with the most correct guesses.

STAR GARLAND

Star templates (pages 7-9)

Scissors

Glue stick

Plain cardstock

Glitter cardstock or posterboard

Nylon string

Hot glue gun

- 1. Print the star templates. Cut out along dashed lines. Glue stars to plain cardstock to make templates. Cut out.
- **2.** Trace star templates on the back of the glitter cardstock. Cut out various sizes of glitter stars, making sure to cut two of the same-size pattern to make one star.
- **3.** Cut nylon string to desired length of garland strand.
- 4. Hot glue a line down the center of one star and lay string on hot glue line. Hot glue around edges of star and place same-size star on top, sandwiching the string in the middle.
- **5.** Repeat step 4 with various size stars, leaving 4–5 inches between.
- 6. Hang garland strands.

Watch the video instructions: BHG.com/StarGarland

WALK OF FAME

Star templates (pages 10-11)

Scissors

Glue stick

Plain cardstock

Glitter cardstock or posterboard Double-sided tape

- 1. Print the star templates. Cut out star halves along dashed lines and join them with glue stick or tape. Glue the full star to plain cardstock to create star template.
- 2. Trace star template on the back of the glitter cardstock. Cut out as many glitter stars as desired.
- **3.** Use double-sided tape to adhere stars to floor, glitter side up.

VIP Treats





SWAG BAGS

Muslin bags Personalized stamp Fabric-safe ink

Send guests home with a swag bag to commemorate the event. Use small muslin bags (Muslin Sacks, \$1.29 each; containerstore.com) filled with awardshow-inspired goodies to hand out to guests as they leave.

Personalize bags with a custom stamp (*tryrubberstamp.net*) using fabric-safe ink.

BLACK-TIE DESSERT

Tall glass Slim black ribbon Gold-plated tasting spoons

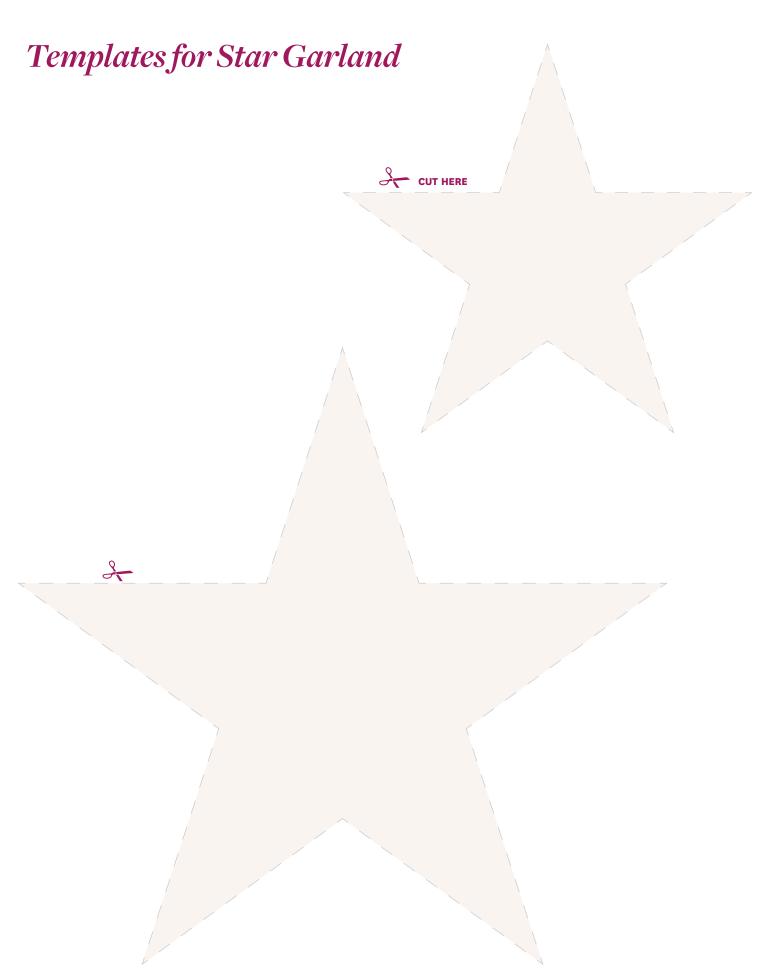
Create a dessert that looks as glam as your decor! Fill tall glasses with any soft dessert, like a lemon or chocolate mousse. Tie a tasting spoon to each glass with narrow black ribbon, then tie a bow.

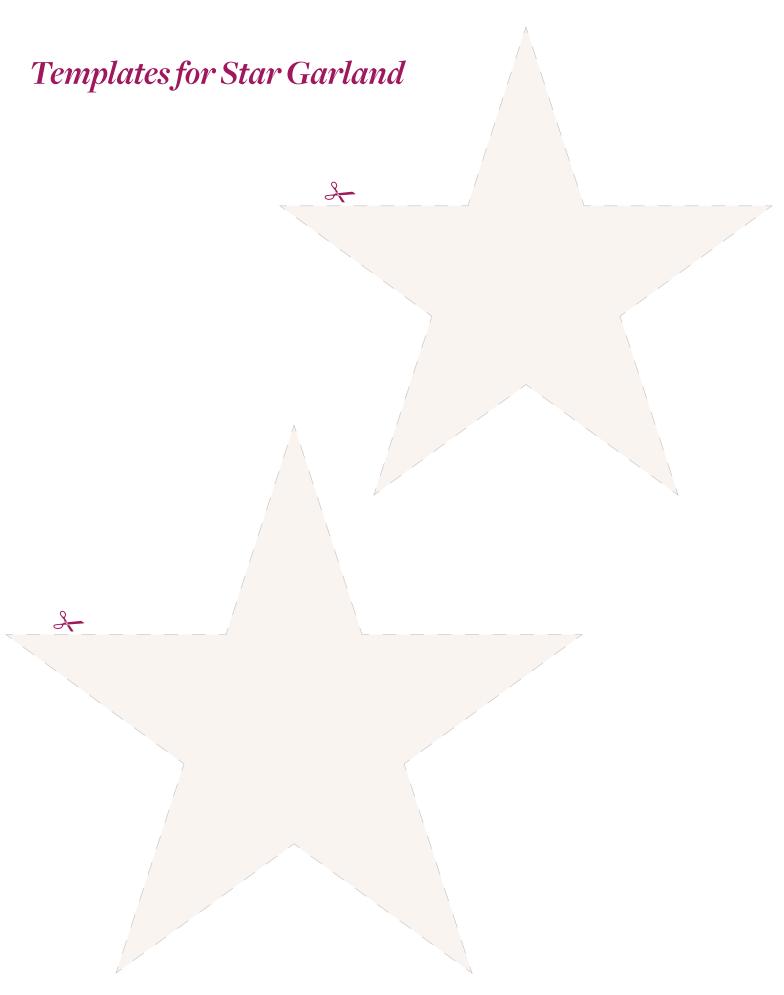
Tip: Cut cleanup time by using plastic spoons. Check your local party store for plastic cutlery in fun colors, including gold.

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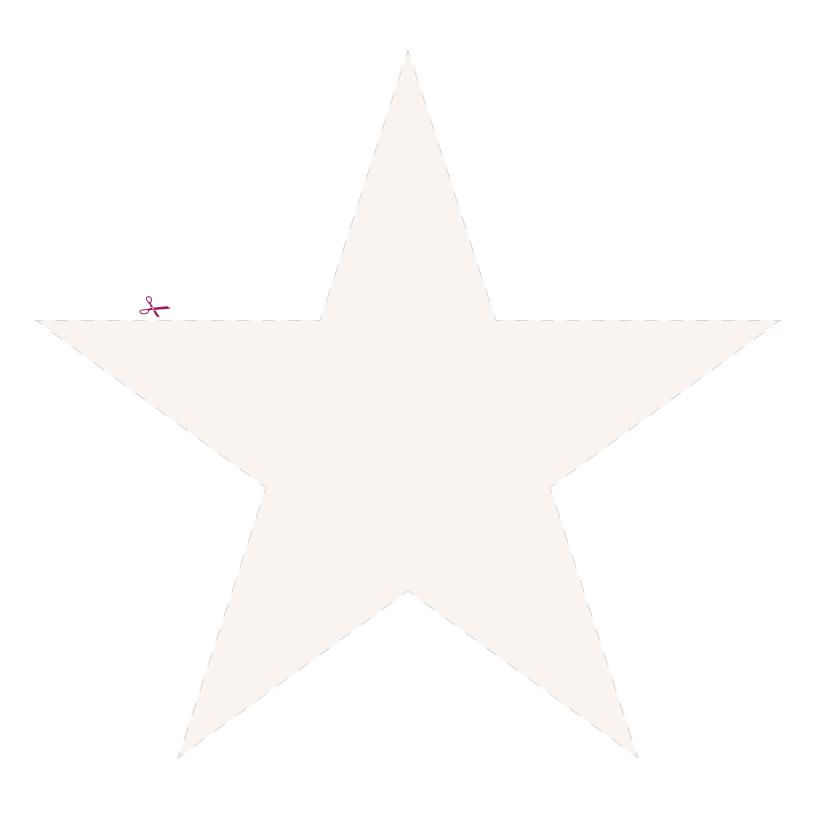
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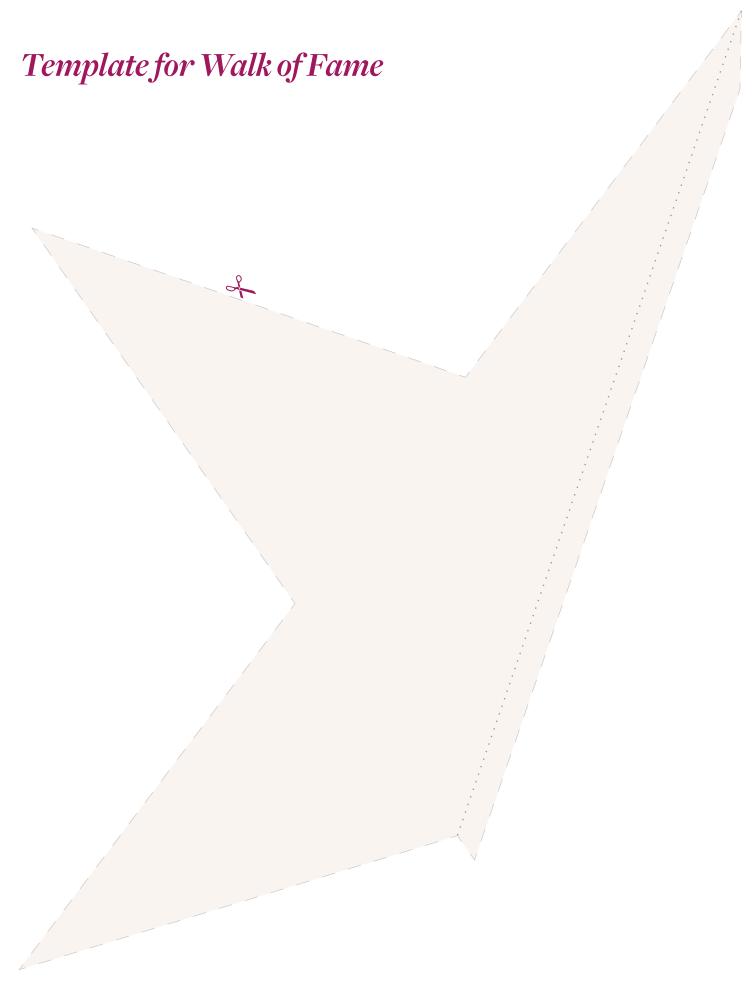
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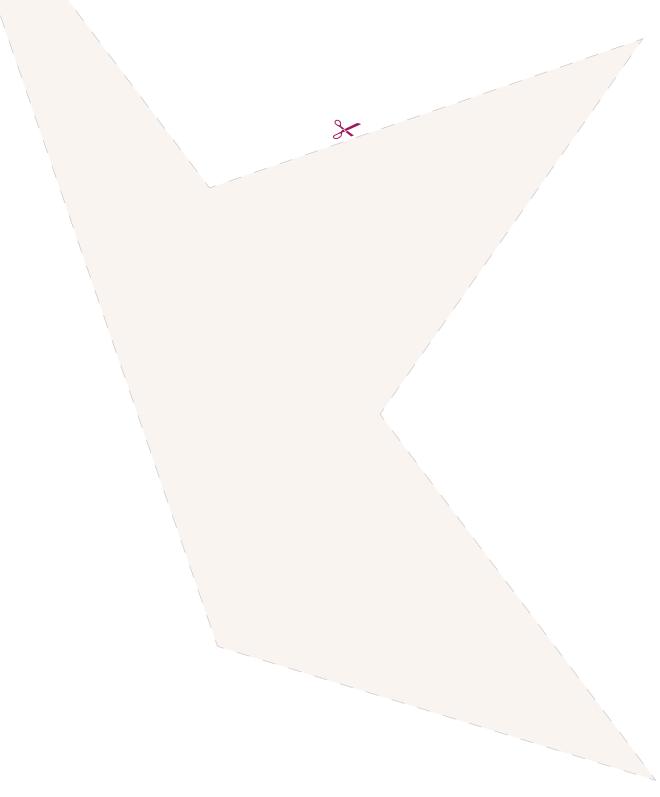


Templates for Star Garland





Template for Walk of Fame



Showstopping Snacks



Caramelized Salmon Skewers

PREP 20 min. GRILL 6 min. STAND 30 min.

- √ cup purchased caramel-flavored ice cream topping
- 1 Tbsp. soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp. Dijon-style mustard
- 1 Tbsp. lime juice
- 1 1½- to 1½-lb. salmon fillet, skinned Lime wedges Freshly ground black pepper
- 1. At least 30 minutes before grilling, soak twelve 6- to 8-inch wooden skewers in water. Drain; set aside. For sauce, in a small bowl stir together caramel topping, soy sauce, mustard, and lime juice; set aside.
- **2.** Rinse salmon; pat dry with paper towels. Cut salmon fillet in half lengthwise, then cut each piece crosswise into 6 pieces (12 pieces total). Sprinkle pieces with *salt* and *pepper*. Thread one salmon piece onto each wooden skewer.
- 3. For charcoal grill, arrange skewers on the greased rack of an uncovered grill directly over medium coals. Brush generously with sauce. Grill 3 minutes. Turn; brush with remaining sauce. Grill 3 to 5 minutes more or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Serve with lime wedges and sprinkle with pepper. Makes 12 servings. Gas Grill Preheat grill. Reduce heat to medium. Arrange skewers on greased grill rack. Cover; grill as above.

EACH SERVING 118 cal, 6 g fat, 26 mg chol, 215 mg sodium, 5 g carb, 10 g pro.



Pesto Popcorn Seasoning Mix

START TO FINISH 10 min.

- 3 Tbsp. butter-flavor sprinkles
- 2 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp. dried basil, crushed
- 1/2 tsp. dried parsley flakes, crushed
- ¹⁄8 to ¹⁄4 tsp. garlic powder Popped popcorn

In a small bowl combine butter-flavor sprinkles, Parmesan cheese, basil, parsley flakes, and garlic powder. Sprinkle over freshly popped popcorn.

To store Transfer mixture to a 4-oz. bottle. Cover and store in refrigerator for up to 1 month. Makes 20 servings.

EACH SERVING 21 cal, 0 g fat, 0 g chol, 41 mg sodium, 4 g carb, 1 g fiber, 1 g pro.



Roasted Beet Tapenade

PREP 25 min. ROAST 35 min.

- lb. medium beets (about 4)
- 3 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 large head garlic, roasted*
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2/4 cup walnuts, toasted
- ½ cup crumbled feta cheese (2 oz.)
- 2 tsp. fennel seed, lightly toasted and crushed
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. finely shredded lemon peel
- 1/8 to 1/4 tsp. ground red pepper
- 3 Tbsp. capers, drained Lemon peel, thinly sliced

peel. Makes about 11/2 cups.

1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Trim beets and cut into 1-inch pieces. Place in a roasting pan. Toss with olive oil. Sprinkle lightly with *salt* and *pepper*.

- 2. Roast beets about 35 minutes, tossing occasionally, or until beets are just fork-tender and lightly crisp on the outside. Place in a blender container or food processor bowl. Add garlic, balsamic vinegar, and walnuts; cover and blend or process until just pureed. Transfer to a bowl. Stir in feta cheese, fennel seed, lemon peel, and ground red pepper. Season to taste with additional *salt*, *pepper*, and *balsamic vinegar*.

 3. Serve at room temperature and with desired fresh vegetables. Top with capers and lemon
- To store Transfer tapenade to an airtight nonmetal container. Refrigerate for up to 3 days. EACH SERVING 55 cal, 5 g fat, 2 mg chol, 58 mg sodium, 3 g carb, 1 g fiber, 1 g pro.
- *For roast garlic Remove papery outer layers from garlic head, leaving skins of cloves intact. Cut off ¼ inch from the tips to expose individual cloves. Place garlic head, cut side up, in a small baking dish or foil packet. Drizzle with 1 tsp. olive oil. Cover or seal. Bake in a 400° F oven 25 to 35 minutes or until cloves are soft. Cool. Store in refrigerator up to 1 week.