

## Appetizers (before dinner) Quantity Guide

When you plan to serve appetizers before a full dinner, this guide can help. Choose the number of guests from the horizontal column. Follow the chart down; the corresponding fields will suggest how many appetizers to serve.

|                                  |   | Number of Guests   |   |  |  |
|----------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|                                  |   | Less than 10 guests<br>(serve 3 appetizers)                              | 10 to 20 guests<br>(serve 5 appetizers)                                   | 20 to 40 guests<br>(serve 7 appetizers)                                    | More than 40 guests<br>(serve 9 appetizers)                                |
| <b>Garden Family</b>             | Raw, cooked, or stuffed vegetables<br>Potatoes<br>Olives<br>Fruits<br>Berries   | Serve 1 selection from family<br><br>Plan on a 2-piece portion per guest | Serve 1 selection from family<br><br>Plan on a 2-piece portion per guest  | Serve 2 selections from family<br><br>Plan on a 2-piece portion per guest  | Serve 2 selections from family<br><br>Plan on a 2-piece portion per guest  |
| <b>Starch Family</b>             | Finger sandwiches<br>Canapés<br>Bruschetta<br>Breadsticks<br>Crackers<br>Biscotti<br>Pizza<br>Dumplings<br>Filled phyllo pastry<br>Rolls and buns | Serve 1 selection from family<br><br>Plan on a 2-piece portion per guest | Serve 1 selection from family<br><br>Plan on a 1½-piece portion per guest | Serve 2 selections from family<br><br>Plan on a 1½-piece portion per guest | Serve 2 selections from family<br><br>Plan on a 1½-piece portion per guest |
| <b>Protein Family</b>            | Meatballs<br>Riblets<br>Sliced meats<br>Eggs<br>Cheese<br>Skewered meats<br>Shellfish<br>Fish<br>Sushi  | Serve 1 selection from family<br><br>Plan on a 2-piece portion per guest | Serve 1 selection from family<br><br>Plan on a 1½-piece portion per guest | Serve 1 selection from family<br><br>Plan on a 1½-piece portion per guest  | Serve 2 selections from family<br><br>Plan on a 1½-piece portion per guest |
| <b>Snack Family</b>              | Nuts<br>Snack chips<br>Pretzels<br>Tortilla chips<br>Popcorn  | Optional, but good idea to have as backup                                | Serve 1 selection from family<br><br>Plan on about 1 ounce per guest      | Serve 1 selection from family<br><br>Plan on about 1 ounce per guest       | Serve 2 selections from family<br><br>Plan on about 1 ounce per guest      |
| <b>Dips &amp; Spreads Family</b> | Dips<br>Compound butters<br>Tapenades<br>Pâtés<br>Guacamole<br>Relish   | Optional   | Serve 1 selection from family<br><br>Plan on about 1 ounce per guest      | Serve 1 selection from family<br><br>Plan on about ½ ounce per guest       | Serve 1 selection from family<br><br>Plan on about 1 ounce per guest       |