



## The So Raise Your Glasses Guide To Party Tableware

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Party tableware is ideal for using at celebrations both large and small firstly because you can buy coordinated products to match your theme, secondly because you can obtain large quantities cheaply and thirdly, and maybe best of all, there is no washing up!

The key party tableware items are tablecloths, napkins and plates. In this guide I will explain the options for each item so that you can make the best choice when making your purchase.

### Tablecloths

Tablecloths create a great base for your party tables and you can use plain white for a classic look or use a colour which matches your overall colour scheme. Many tablecloths can be cut to size so a larger tablecloth may be suitable for two or three smaller tables or sometimes you can buy a little table topper. The other really popular option is to choose a paper table runner which creates a striking effect down the centre of your table. This can be placed immediately on top of the table or placed over a plain tablecloth. One key tip here, if you are going to serve hot food, is to place plain tablemats underneath the table covering you choose to use as this will protect the table from scorch marks.

### Paper Plates

Paper party plates are available in a whole host of colours. There are two key sizes available: a dinner size and a side plate size, sometimes referred to as dessert plates. We would recommend that you use the dinner size for a lunch, buffet or supper style celebration and use the side plate size for teas and for serving desserts which don't require a bowl such as cheesecakes and flans.

Plastic party plates are available in a selection of plain colours and these are most suitable for hot food. The beauty of plastic plates is that they can be reused if carefully washed by hand.

### Party Bowls



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Most party bowls are available in plastic and these are available in a range of colours. There are a few decorated paper bowls on the market but the range is quite limited.

### **Paper Platters and Cake Stands**

If you are having a buffet style meal then paper platters are ideal for presenting the food. You can of course use some dinner plates and then for a few key items use larger platters and/or cake stands. Cake stands are usually made from three tiers and are available in a whole host of pretty colours. They are ideal for presenting many foods in addition to cakes such as sandwiches, savoury rolls and canapés.

### **Paper Napkins**

The choice of colours and designs of paper napkins is almost endless. Our range concentrates on high quality napkins – they are mostly three ply and available in three sizes: cocktail, luncheon and dinner. Cocktail size measures 25 cm x 25 cm and this is ideal for canapés or with the celebration cake. Luncheon size 33 cm x 33cm is perfect for lunch or tea and dinner size 40 cm x 40 cm is perfect for a sit down meal.

### **Cutlery**

Many people choose to use plastic cutlery at their parties and gone are the days of bendy forks and knives which snap at the first cut! Packs of cutlery with a knife, fork and spoon for each guest are popular and these are available in a range of coordinating colours.