



7 Ways to Make At-Home Dinners Fun for All

For bonding moments (and lasting memories), consider these seven tips to get the most out of family sit-down dinners:

1. **Make the dinner table a nag-free zone.** By trying to include foods everyone can enjoy, you're better able to focus on what really matters: time together for great conversation.
2. **Give it a theme.** Explore a new cultural cuisine, switch up your table settings, or add music to bring a themed dinner to life.
3. **Play "restaurant."** If you're longing for your favorite eating spot but can't eat out, try replicating the experience at home—you can even assign hostess and maître d' honors.
4. **Take the night off.** Takeout food is always a crowd pleaser, so take it up a notch. Order a little something from all your favorites. A smorgasbord makes everyone happy.
5. **Game time.** Table manners can take a break. Whether it's a card game, board game, or a game you make up as you go, enjoy a great meal while letting loose.
6. **Get people talking.** To overcome the same ol' same ol' at dinnertime, create a conversation-starter jar. It's just a fun and easy way to learn more about one another.
7. **Host a dinner bar.** What salad bar? Think bigger: breakfast bar, baked potato bar, burrito bar, pizza bar. Who doesn't love dishing up their own creation?



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