

The Art of the Board: Fun & Fancy Snack Boards, Recipes & Ideas for Entertaining All Year

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Charcuterie boards are always in vogue, but Olivia Carney's *The Art of the Board* puts the wow factor into these edible arrangements. She calls food boards a great plan-ahead addition to any party menu, and the book encourages having folks gather around an alluring board to graze, gab, and make memories.

There're an impressive amount of tips and recipes for boards that engage the senses and meet a range of budgets. The advice on food styling, garnishes, types of cheeses, tableware, and food board gift-giving is helpful, while tips for how to fold meats and cheeses like a pro will have friends asking for the name of your caterer.

Boards for each season appear with color photographs and notations about special diets, beverage pairings, and Carney's perfect bite from each. Crudites never looked so inviting as on the board festooned with rainbow veggies, and cozy, autumnal flavors bloom on her fun Halloween and Thanksgiving leftovers boards. Holiday boards are larded with special treats like a blue, white, and gold-trimmed Hanukkah board and an elegant New Year's board sparkling with caviar, chocolate, and olives.

The Art of the Board is a stylish how-to guide that brims with appealing ideas for your next party or meal.

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