

# Cookbook Corner

## Score Big With Guests

(NAPSA)—Go beyond chips and dip from a jar this year—entertain like an adult. How do you host like a pro when ordering pizza is the top of your kitchen



repertoire? Plenty of great ideas are in *Betty Crocker's Entertaining Basics* (Wiley; \$24.95) that both novice

hosts and experienced entertainers can create successfully:

- To keep appetizers warm longer, heat ovenproof serving plates on the lowest oven setting 5 to 10 minutes before serving. Or, just before using, warm plate by rinsing in hot water; dry with kitchen towel.

- Buy individual-size pizza crusts and set out bowls of flavored cheeses, veggies, cooked meats and sauce, and let guests assemble their own personal pizzas to pop in the oven.

- Finger food is a must for any bowl party. Jamaican Shrimp, Tex-Mex Layered Dip, and Mediterranean Chicken Quesadillas can satisfy the tastes of both guys and gals.

Confident entertaining is simple with the book's 100 recipes, including photographs of each finished dish, and 80-plus tips on cooking basics, advanced techniques anyone can do and festive additions.

Available wherever books are sold or online at [www.wiley.com](http://www.wiley.com).