



DOUBLE TAKE: 5 facade facelifts

# at home

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*before & after!*



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**GO STEMLESS**

Serve wine in short juice glasses for a rustic feel.

**COLOR & TEXTURE**

Savory mixed olives have many flavors and varieties; dress them up with spices or citrus zest.

**SAVE SPACE**

Don't crowd your board. Stick to three cheeses: one hard, one soft and one blue.

**PERFECT PAIRINGS**

Spanish Marcona almonds add a sweet, rich crunch while fresh fruit like grapes and strawberries add color and pair beautifully with cheese.

**SOMETHING SWEET**

Manchego, made from sheep's milk, is buttery and slightly piquant; serve it with fragrant quince paste.

**NO CHILL**

Cheese is best served at room temperature. Give it an hour outside of the fridge before plating.

**CHIC CHÈVRE**

Add color and flavor to tangy goat cheese with fresh herbs and peppercorns.

**Q:** I love the idea of an early-evening picnic during the warmer months, but have no idea what to pack. Any ideas?

**A:** This summer, take your cues from the French, who have perfected the art of effortless elegance and mastered the impromptu picnic. Perhaps it's because they've realized that their beloved fromage is the perfect picnic food, elevated further with a mix of fresh, high-quality accompaniments and, of course, a crisp, fruity wine. The beauty of your board comes together as you assemble your ingredients on-site, whether you've chosen a patch of grass or a sandy spot, and the end result should set the tone for an unfussy alfresco meal.

**PACK IT UP**

Stock your basket with the best gear for taking your dinner party outside.



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