1. **Always make recipes you know well and can make ahead of time.** Your guests will love whatever you make, what they really want is to spend time with you!

2. **Choose foods with a variety of textures and colors.** Set them out family style. This will make for a beautiful, enticing, and lively table in multiple ways!

3. **Pick out all of your serving platters, bowls, and utensils in advance.** Pre-set the table with clean dishes straight out of the dishwasher, so you’re not stressed when guests are arriving. This way, you’ll know you have enough and they’ll fit and look great.

4. **Do a load of dishes before your guests even arrive!** To make my small, but mighty kitchen work for me, having sparkling clean dishes in between prep + entertaining is a life-saver (thanks to LG QuadWash with TrueSteam’s speedy Turbo feature!).

5. **You can’t go wrong by adding a few hot sauces to the mix.** A definitely fun crowd-pleaser that punctuates any meal. And my QuadWash with TrueSteam gets all those sticky chutneys off without having to pre-rinse!