

# St. Patrick's Day

## Party Planning Guide

Bring the luck of the Irish  
anywhere with three  
fabulous event concepts!!



Enjoy three amazing ideas for your St. Patty's Day parties and activities. First, share our pre-parade brunch ideas that work at home or downtown. Next, throw your own party for adults with a contemporary twist, and finally, learn how to keep the kids entertained in holiday style.

We will provide you with signature themes and concepts to help you recreate an event like this on your own, or consider hiring a team of professionals to help you along the way.

Our signature looks were made possible by a team of professional event specialists in the greater Indianapolis area. You can learn more about our team in this planning guide and reach out to them for your own magical celebrations now or in the future. This collaboration was made possible by [Snappening.com](http://Snappening.com) – with Snappening, it's event planning, in a snap!

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# Out on the Town

## PRE-PARADE BRUNCH WITH STYLE

As your guests prepare for the parade, send them there with a hearty brunch and beverages to warm the soul. Our brunch setup consists of a variety of traditional Irish dishes, breads and warm and cold beverages prepared both for at-home or on-location tailgate parade options. We have showcased the setup in a buffet-style arrangement in a traditional pub area, courtesy The Country Club of Indianapolis.

### EAT

Irish stew makes a great dish for the occasion, accompanied by soda bread and finished with Pistachio Butter Cookies. Apply a uniquely Irish rustic look with a creative vessel. You can use fun burlap bags\* as lunch boxes so each meal is ready to go.

\*available at [www.designgrouponline.net](http://www.designgrouponline.net)

### DRINK

Your warm beverage lineup simply would not be complete without a traditional Irish coffee station. For the brunch, utilize clear glass mugs and have your Thermos read for a parade setup. Don't forget your disposable hot drink cups too.

### AND BE MERRY...

This setup can work for the table or tailgate. Start with an inexpensive tablecloth for your tabletop. Use a vintage suitcase or other Old World item as a picnic basket. Pick up a fun moss and twig basket with a plastic liner to use as a drink caddy. Veolia!

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Fun food and drink liven up any themed event. Unique vessels and display items add a touch of sophistication.

*Courtesy Bello Romance Photography*

### What you'll need to design this look:

- Mason Jars
- Wooden Spoons
- Jute
- Butcher's Paper
- Green Ribbons & Décor Accents
- Waxed Bags
- Burlap Bags
- Glass Mugs
- Food Transport Vessels
- Drink Transport Vessels

## Contemporary Irish

### THROW YOUR OWN TAPAS BASH

Rather than repeat the same St. Patrick's Day party you did last year, add a little panache this year with this chic contemporary Irish-inspired tapas theme. You want to set a tone of sophistication, but still want to hold on to the rustic charm of the day. Marry the two with unique (natural) tablescape ideas, fresh bite-sized Irish tapas treats, a tailored Irish beer tasting station and a batch of sweet treats that will make all your guests feel like they're the *lucky* ones. We have showcased this setup along a bar and at a rectangular table. Our gorgeous location is courtesy The Country Club of Indianapolis.

#### EAT

We've set the stage with a traditional Boxtty dish, added smoked salmon and green popcorn sides and finished it with an Irish Car Bomb Cake for dessert.



#### DRINK

Make your own authentic Irish beer tasting station and allow guests to vote for their favorites. For those who prefer other alcoholic beverages, create your own St. Patrick's Day vodka cocktail in advance and pre-rim martini glasses with orange salt.

#### AND BE MERRY...

Be inspired by the colors of the Irish flag! Start with a burlap table runner; add florals, organics, vegetables and other rustic touches to complete the look.

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Tapas can be created to suit your guest list. Organic and rustic items carry a refined Irish theme, and a touch of green reminds your guests about the holiday at hand.

*Courtesy Bello Romance Photography*

#### What you'll need to design this look:

- Tapas Recipes
- Irish Car Bomb Cake Recipes
- Green Vodka Cocktail Recipes
- Irish Beers | Beer Station
- Drink Dispenser
- Interesting Food Vessels
- Natural Fiber Table Runner
- Various Rustic Items
- Organic Décor Elements

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# Little Leprechauns

## FUN WITH THE KIDDOS

While the adults enjoy their party, how will you keep the kids entertained?

Simple – you arrange for a variety of activities, foods and other entertaining adventures that celebrate the holiday from their pint-sized perspective.

Make a meal fit for any leprechaun, offer special shamrock treats and a host of activities to keep everyone busy all afternoon and evening. Our gorgeously green location is courtesy The Country Club of Indianapolis.

### EAT

One way to get kids to enjoy their food is to make it fun. And fun = green on St. Paddy's Day. Start with green homemade marshmallows. Make the display interactive by cutting them out like cookies and providing colorful toppings like sugar, coconut and various candies.



### DRINK

Green drinks are a must for your themed children's party. Give the drinks even a little more flair with fun designer straws and offer chocolate candy coins in a pot of gold as a form of currency for various games and treats. (A little holiday math never hurt any leprechaun!)

### AND BE MERRY...

Everyone loves dress up, and St. Paddy's Day is a great reason to plan your own parade. Give the kids ideas for characters and floats and allow them a designated amount of time to plan their parade for the grown-ups!

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Make the party entirely interactive—including the food.

*Courtesy Bello Romance Photography*

### What you'll need to design this look:

- Green food and drinks for kids
- Interactive food ideas
- Fancy straws
- Gold coin candies
- Props for parade inspiration
- Parade supplies such as construction paper, markers, tape, stickers and poster board

# Our Location



Since 1891, The Country Club of Indianapolis has been recognized as a club of distinction, where family and business needs are catered to with supreme professionalism. CCI members and guests enjoy an atmosphere designed to complement their lifestyles and pursuits. CCI prides itself on exceeding expectations on every level.

CCI has an award-winning championship golf course, initially designed by Tom Bendelow and updated by Pete Dye which offers something for golfers of every experience level. The Club offers casual dining, fine dining and exceptional banquet and meeting facilities, which provide an ideal setting for weddings, luncheons, dinners, golf outings or business events with seating up to 225.

Although CCI is a private club, it is proficient at playing host to sponsored events throughout the year. Members and non-members are warmed by the confidence brought by a century of CCI's expertise in catering wedding receptions, business events, golf outings or corporate events.

CCI's stunning Ballroom is the superlative venue for weddings, luncheons and seated dinners for 10 - 225 people.

The Parlor area inside the clubhouse, whose centerpiece is an inviting fireplace, proves an elegant setting for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres before dinner in the adjacent Ballroom.

Members and non-member alike may choose to take advantage of our scenic tent area—a striking setting overlooking our golf course and an ideal place to hold various ceremonies, rehearsal dinners and receptions between May and October. The area features an outdoor grill and the accompanying mouth-watering aromas of the season.

Whatever the occasion, CCI has the impeccable service and pleasing ambiance for your special event. Our full-service catering team is capable of creating any number of standard or custom meals and menus.

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# Our Planning Guide Team

Creating a magical display of event wonder takes time, energy and talent. You may be wondering about how you might create these party looks on your own, and you may become overwhelmed trying. Another idea to consider is hiring some of the professionals we worked with in order to make this Guide possible. Learn more about each of our Indianapolis-area partners here.

## [A Cut Above Catering](#)

A Cut Above Catering is a full-service offsite caterer located in Carmel, IN. They work with corporations and social clients. They provided the food shown for the guide, and would be happy to share some of their recipe inspirations with you directly.

## [Bello Romance Photography](#)

Bello Romance Photography is a professional photography group located in Greenfield, IN. They specialize in capture the emotional essence of any wedding, celebration or event. Bello provided all event photography for the guide, and would love to learn more about the special events you may need photographed.

## [Cake Zen](#)

Cake Zen is a full-service couture cake and sweet specialist located in Carmel, IN. They provide incredibly colorful and stylistic cake designs for any wedding or special event in need of a unique and delicious flair. They have some exceptional recipes similar to those shown in the guide to share.

## [Design Group](#)

Design Group is a firm specializing in décor and floral design located in Carmel, IN. Design Group focuses on interiors, events and weddings. Design Group provided all event florals and several design

elements and inspirations for the guide. They would gladly provide your own event with an inspired design too.

## [Eventfull Planning](#)

Eventfull Planning is a full-service event planning and management company in Indianapolis, IN. Focused on coordinating events with style and elegance, they made the perfect resident planner for the guide and provided many design and décor inspirations. We bet they can make your events more inspired too.

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