



Disney
**ALICE
THROUGH THE
LOOKING
GLASS**



How to Host



Delight your friends and family with a fantastical afternoon tea party -- like the one in ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS -- by following these tips from Pilar Hamil, general manager of Disneyland Hotel and a tea master accredited by the INTERNATIONAL TEA MASTERS ASSOCIATION.

A PERFECT TEA PARTY

PRACTICE PROPER ETIQUETTE



DRESSING THE TABLE: Top your table with a white linen tablecloth, vase of flowers and place settings that include a teacup with saucer, white cloth napkin, plate, teaspoon, fork and two knives (one for clotted cream and one for jam).

DRESSING YOURSELF: Wear something special accessorized with a set of pearls or a fabulous hat (a la the Mad Hatter)!

TEATIME TIPS: 1) Pour your guests' tea first, finishing with your cup last. 2) Stir your tea without clinking your spoon, then place it on your saucer. 3) Always tuck your pinky in when drinking tea.

PREPARE THE PERFECT CUP



WATER » Start with bottled spring water or filtered water.



TEMPERATURE » Boil water to 200-212 F for black tea, 150-180 F for green tea, 150 F for white tea, and 200 F for red tea.



TIMING » Steep black tea 3-5 minutes, green tea for 2-3 minutes, white tea for 1 minute, and red tea for 5-8 minutes.



TEA » In a tea cup, use one teaspoon of loose-leaf tea for every 6 ounces of water. In a tea pot, use the same ratio but add one extra teaspoon of tea.



ADD-INS » Always taste your tea first, then opt to add sweetener (sugar, sugar cubes or honey), milk (strictly for black tea) or lemon (ideal for green tea).

TEMPT WITH TOWERING TREATS

Traditionally, finger foods that can be eaten in one or two bites are served on a three-tier server.

TOP TIER

Scones – A black currant scone is classic but have fun with seasonal flavors. Serve them with clotted cream and jam, and perhaps a lemon curd.

MIDDLE TIER

Finger Sandwiches – Popular choices include the traditional English cucumber sandwich, eggs salad sandwich and smoked salmon sandwich.

BOTTOM TIER

Sweet Endings – Satisfy a sweet tooth with miniature cakes, French macarons, chocolate-dipped strawberries, fruit tarts or traditional British shortbread biscuits.

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