The Cookbook Club
Host Kit

Sample Printables - host a book club you can eat

Free sample - three real pages from the kit: the Host's Quick-Start Guide (p.3), the Dish-Claim Board (p.13) and the Dish Label Tents (p.19). Print at 100% on US Letter or A4.

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The Host's Quick-Start Guide

The whole club on one page (kit p.3). Read it once, then keep it in the front of the host's folder forever.

1. Pick the book (at the previous meeting, or two weeks out).

The club votes from the Next-Book Ballot (kit p.34) - or the host picks, first time out. Announce the book with the invitation so everyone has time to get a copy: own it, borrow it, share it. A dish only needs one recipe page, photographed or photocopied by its cook.

2. Claim the dishes (the week before).

The Dish-Claim Board (p.13) goes out - pinned in the group chat, passed around, or stuck on the host's fridge. Cooks claim a course slot and a dish where everyone can see them: courses can't collide if claims are visible. First claim wins, no two cooks on the same dish, and the host fills whatever course is left empty.

3. Cook at home (meeting day).

Everyone cooks their dish in their own kitchen. Travel-friendly thinking starts now: how will it get there, does it reheat, does it survive a car ride in a casserole dish with a tea towel seatbelt? The Dish Label Tents (p.19) get filled in at home, while the cook still remembers what's in it.

4. Gather & graze (the meeting).

Dishes arrive, labels go up, and the table is walked before anyone eats: the host reads out each dish, its cook, its page in the book, and its allergy flags. Then everyone eats everything, a little of each, tasting-menu style. Score Cards (p.21) live under plates and get filled in as you go - chewing first, judging second.

5. Score & verdict (over the last cups).

Dish scores are shared kindly (the rules are on kit p.7). Then the club delivers its verdict on the book (p.23): worth buying? worth cooking from again? Which recipe was the book's best argument?

6. Vote the next book & close (final 10 min).

Ballots (p.34) out, next book announced or shortlisted, leftovers labelled (p.31) and distributed like treasure. The Host's Club Log (p.35) gets its line before the host sleeps.

The host's welcome script (read it word for word if you like):

"Welcome, everyone. Tonight we cooked [book title] - all of it, between us. Before we eat, I'll walk the table: each dish, who cooked it, which page it lives on, and anything anyone needs to know before their fork goes near it. Eat a little of everything. Score kindly - the book is on trial tonight, nobody else is. And save your loudest opinions for the verdict: was the book worth it?"

The host rules:

- The book is on trial. The cooks never are.
- Walk the table before anyone eats. Flags first, forks second.
- Finish with a next book. A club with a next book is a club that meets again.

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The Dish-Claim Board

The kit's signature page (kit p.13) - one page that runs the whole club. Print it for the fridge, photograph it for the group chat, or copy its rows into a pinned post; whichever way, claims happen where everyone can see them.

This month's book: _____ **Author:** _____

Meeting date: _____ **Host:** _____ **Claims open:** _____ **Claims close:** _____

Course slot	Dish (title as in the book)	Page	Cook	Flags	Travel & reheat plan
Starter 1					
Starter 2					
Main 1 (cook's choice)					
Main 2 - meat-free by design					
Main 3 (cook's choice)					
Side 1					
Side 2					
Side 3 / salad					
Bread / bake					
Dessert 1					
Dessert 2					
Drinks (batch)					
Service role					

First claim wins - one dish per cook, one cook per dish - the host claims the empty course last.

Flags are written at claim time, not discovered at the table. If it goes in the dish, it goes on the board.

A photo of the finished board is posted 48 hours out - gaps named, gaps filled. The service role (hosting, photographs, the bakery run, the washing-up captaincy) is a claim too: a member who can't cook this round still counts, on the board, in writing.

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Dish Label Tents

Four tents per sheet (kit p.19) - the most important printable in the kit. One tent stands in front of every dish, all night: it credits the cook, locates the recipe, and carries the allergy flags where eyes and forks can see them.

DISH LABEL TENT

Dish: _____

Cooked by: _____

From page _____ of _____

Flags: [ ] nuts [ ] gluten [ ] dairy

[ ] egg [ ] shellfish [ ] soy

[ ] sesame [ ] alcohol [ ] none

Heat: [ ] gentle [ ] friendly

[ ] call-the-fire-brigade

Tent back: one line about this dish, by its cook,

plus Seconds: [ ] plenty [ ] going fast [ ] GONE

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Cut out, fold on the centre line, stand in front of the dish. A dish without a tent doesn't get eaten until its cook is found - the tent is the dish's passport.

This free sample holds three real pages of The Cookbook Club Host Kit (36 pages: the 8-page host's guide - Welcome, the Quick-Start Guide, Choosing the Right Cookbook criteria, the Dish-Claim System with Dessert

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Night, the meeting-day run sheet, the Dietary & Allergy Protocol and Scoring Without Cruelty - plus 28 printables: two invitation designs, an event poster, social captions, the Dish-Claim Board, reserve-a-dish slips, sign-up cards, marker tabs, signs, dish label tents, place cards, tasting score cards, the night's dish scores sheet, the Cookbook Verdict page, the progress shelf, kitchen rota cards, the grazing map, host checklists, the attendance sheet, feedback slips, leftover labels, cook's confession cards, the next-book ballot and shortlist page, the host's club log and thank-you cards - US Letter, A4 and tablet editions). One deliberate absence: this kit contains no recipes and no text from any real cookbook - the recipes live in whichever cookbook your club chooses; the kit is the machinery around the meal. Full kit at pagelyra.vercel.app

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