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RED HOT PICNIC TIPS FROM AMERICA'S SASSIEST LIFESTYLE GURU: STEVE KEMBLE

Beat the heat of a Texas Indian Summer and bring the picnic indoors by planning a Red Hot themed romantic evening...the kind Hollywood's hottest couples like David and Victoria, Brad and Angelina, and Ashton and Demi would love.

Kemble, a master at atmosphere, suggests:

- THE BLANKET. Think Red! Whether it's cranberry, tomato, scarlet or Fall's fave shade of chili pepper red, the color gets noticed. Go for a blanket of velvet, chenille or even red leather!
- THE MUSIC. Consider such tunes as "Heart to Heart" by David Sanborn, "A Night to Remember" by Cyndi Lauper, "Anticipation" by Carly Simon or "Still Crazy After All These Years" by Paul Simon.
- THE CANDLES. Nothing says romance like candles. Pop into Williams-Sonoma for votives, or go for a multitude of shapes and sizes from Pottery Barn. Use them in abundance!
- THE MENU. Kemble's Red Hot picnic at home begins with, what else, champagne with chambord! Pair with a Christofle platter (from Saks Fifth Avenue, naturally), overflowing with cherry tomatoes filled with smoked salmon mousse, red apples with chicken liver pate', and toast points with cream cheese and red caviar. Add baby greens coupled with grapefruit and red onion, and Atkin's friendly pink salmon filets with cucumber ribbons. Pass a few light and flaky croissant rolls.
- Strawberries and raspberries, red velvet cupcakes with fabulous cream cheese icing, or vanilla cupcakes with butter cream icing, sprinkled with red hot candies, or simply red iced sugar cookies.

Steve Kemble has been the magic behind countless international events for more than 20 years, including staging Galleria's spectacular celebration of its new look. His flair for the fabulous has been featured on ABC Primetime, the Style Network, ABC's Extreme Makeover: Wedding Edition, and ABC Family.