

TRIED 'N TRUE PARTY STANDARDS



"We rely a great deal on Peter Callahan, who's an amazing caterer. We describe the type of event we're having and he comes up with the most remarkable foods. And they're small, which I like."

PETER'S SPECIALTIES

Frites in a cone—five-inch-long French fries wrapped in plain paper cones. Served in clear lucite trays with holes for each cone.

Pigs-in-a-blanket—smoked salmon and black bread in the shape of pigs with a bellyband of wasabi caviar

Mini tuna burgers—sushi-like tuna "burger" served on a poppy seed bun (the size of a quarter) with sun-dried tomato, cucumber, wasabi, and chèvre

Caviar "ice cream" cones—potato cones filled with crème fraîche and topped with sturgeon caviar

Mini strawberry-rhubarb ice cream cones

Cotton candy lollipops—deep pink, of course



PETER'S PINK LEMONADE WITH KIWI

OCCASIONS

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Cheree Berry, Naseem Niaraki, and Anthony Coombs. Katie Powell Brickman cheerfully provided research.

Over the years my close friend Eleni Gianopoulos continually adds fun to every occasion, and makes even something simple memorable. When it comes to a party, Eleni's cookies and hors d'oeuvres are "required eating," and I can't imagine doing a book about festive times without her contributions. I also want to thank Peter Callahan, who has catered many parties for us with creativity and perfect pitch.

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