

APRIL TEA BUDS

The theme for this tea party is flowers; the anticipation of springtime blossoms. Accordingly, the table is set with spring in mind.

The table cover is yellow, bright like the warming sun. Napkins and paper plates are green or a combination of green and yellow. Tea cups are decorated in floral patterns and the teapot itself has a floral design as well.

Locate pictures of flowers in catalogs or magazines, cut them out, mount them and laminate to use as small placards on the table. Scatter a variety of flower seed packets on the table or use a seed packet with a ribbon as a place card near each setting. Purchasing a single tulip or daisy, perhaps two, at the local flower shop adds a nice touch to the table.

Menu:

Cucumber and cream cheese tea sandwiches (small squares with the crusts cut off)

Lemon bread

Any combination or

Lemon or blueberry scones

make your own !

Rainbow sherbert

Lady Gray Tea (has a hint of citrus)

For a special touch, purchase some single silk flowers at the dollar store. Copy some poems about spring and then tie a poem to each flower and present one to each tea party participant.

The rain, the rain
Comes slanting down in fitful showers
Then from the furrow shoots the grass
And banks are fledged with nestling flowers
Mathilda Blind

Then April scatters charms of primrose gold
Among the copper leaves in thickets old
And singing skylarks from the meadow rise
To twinkle like black stars in sunny skies
Wlm. Henry Davies

Praise the spells and bless the charms
I found April in my arms
April golden, April cloudy
Gracious, cruel, tender, rowdy

April soft in flowered languor

April cold in sudden anger

Ever changing, ever true

I love April, I love you

Ogden Nash