



MAKING THE PERFECT

CHARCUTERIE BOARD



CHARCUTERIE 101

Charcuterie doesn't have to be complicated. Just include soft and hard cheeses, with both cured and smoked meats, so your board has a balanced variety of flavors and textures. Most importantly, have fun and get creative!

FINGER FOODS & FRUITS

Use tart and sour flavors to round out the richness of your meat and cheese. Olives and pickles can add texture as well.

SPREADS & DIPS

Jams, preserves, and condiments are a great way to expand your available options and balance out every bite. We suggest having something sweet with something tart or acidic, like mustard.

NUTS & DRY FRUITS

Use nuts and dry fruits for more flavor and variety.



MEATS & CHEESES

The main stars of every charcuterie are the meats and cheeses. For best results, have a variety of hard salamis and cold cuts (like prosciutto) with a mix of hard and soft cheeses.

CRACKERS & BREADS

Slice your bread into pieces, and fan them out for a beautiful display. Toast your bread lightly for a firmer slice, or not at all if you prefer a softer bite.

DELUXE ITALIAN

CHEESE 2-5 varieties of soft or hard cheeses SOFT CHEESES BelGioioso Marinated Fresh Mozzarella Castello Danish Blue Cheese French Brie Couronne Cheese	FRESH FRUIT & VEGGIES 1-3 varieties of fresh fruits Grapes (Red and Green) Strawberries, halved Blueberries
 □ Clawson White Stilton, Mango and Ginger □ HARD CHEESES □ Milton Creamery Prairie Breeze □ Milton Creamery 4 Alarm Cheddar MEAT 2-5 varieties of cured or smoked meats	□ Raspberries SPREADS & DIPS 1-2 varieties of spreads & dips □ Divina Chili Fig Spread □ Divina Sour Cherry Spread
□ CURED MEATS □ Columbus Soppressata □ Columbus Genoa Salami	□ Velvet Bees Honey Butter DRIED FRUIT & NUTS 1-4 varieties of dried fruits
□ Columbus Peppered Salami □ Columbus Italian Dry Salami □ Martelli Prosciutto Di Parma □ SMOKED MEATS	 Divina Chocolate Covered Orange Delight Valencia Marcona Almonds (Plain or with Fine Herbs) Pete's Market Dried Apricots Pete's Market Dried Cranberries
 □ Ferrarini Mortadella (Plain or Pistachio) FINGER FOODS 2-5 varieties of finger foods □ Peppadew Sweet Piquanté Peppers □ Peppadew Cream Cheese Filled Peppers □ Cerignola Olives (Black, Red, or Green) □ Stuffed Olives (Blue Cheese, Feta Cheese, 	CRACKERS & BREADS 1-4 varieties of crackers and breads Kii Naturals Fruit & Grain Crackers Divina Crostini Divina Mini Toasts Waterwheel Seed Crackers
Almond, or Pimento) WINE PAIRING	GARNISH ☐ Fresh Mint, Rosemary, or Basil

☐ Pinot Grigio or Zinfandel



SIMPLE ITALIAN

CHEESE 1-3 varieties of soft or hard cheeses SOFT CHEESES BelGioioso Marinated Fresh Mozzarella Castello Danish Blue Cheese	SPREADS & DIPS 1-2 varieties of spreads & dips ☐ Pete's Market Fresh Bruschetta ☐ Divina Chili Fig Spread
□ Couronne French Brie Cheese □ HARD CHEESES □ Milton Creamery Prairie Breeze □ Sartori Flavored Cheeses (Merlot, Espresso, or Rosemary & Olive Oil) □ Italian Parmigiano-Reggiano □ Locatelli Pecorino Romano Cheese	 □ Velvet Bees Honey Butter FINGER FOODS 1-3 varieties of finger foods □ Marinated Artichokes □ Peppadew Sweet Piquanté Peppers □ Peppadew Cream Cheese Filled Peppers
MEAT 1-4 varieties of cured or smoked meats ———————————————————————————————————	☐ Cerignola Olives (Black, Red, or Green) ☐ Stuffed Olives (Blue Cheese, Feta, Almond, or Pimento)
□ Columbus Genoa Salami □ Columbus Peppered Salami □ Martelli Prosciutto Di Parma □ Columbus Dried Salami Stick □ SMOKED MEATS □ Margherita Hot Capicola □ Ferrarini Mortadella (Plain or Pistachio)	FRESH FRUIT Grapes (Red and Green) CRACKERS & BREADS 1-3 varieties of crackers and breads Divina Crostini Divina Mini Toasts Asturi Bruschettini
WINE PAIRING □ Pinot Grigio or Merlot	GARNISH Fresh Mint, Recompny or Basil



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CHEESE 1-3 varieties of semi-hard cheeses	CRACKERS & BREADS
———— SOFT CHEESES ————	1-3 varieties of crackers and breads
☐ Pete's Market Organic Greek Feta Cheese	☐ Pita Chips
☐ Maytag Blue Cheese	□ Pita Bread
HARD CHEESES	☐ Divina Mini Toast
☐ Rembrandt Extra Aged Gouda Cheese	EDECLI EDILIT O VECCIEC
☐ Greek Kefalograviera Cheese	FRESH FRUIT & VEGGIES
☐ Manchego Cheese Aged 6 Months ☐ Cherry To	1-3 varieties of fresh fruit & veggies
	☐ Persian Pickles
MEAT 1-4 varieties of cured or smoked meats	
———— CURED MEATS ————	☐ Sliced Bell Peppers (Yellow and Orange)
☐ Columbus Peppered Salami	☐ Baby Carrots
☐ Martelli Prosciutto Di Parma	SPREADS & DIPS
☐ Lukanka Dry Salami	1-2 varieties of spreads & dips
	☐ Hummus
☐ Suho Meso (Smoked Beef)	□ Olive Tapenade
FINISED FOODS	□ Divina Kalamata Fig Spread
FINGER FOODS	□ Velvet Bees Honey Butter
1-4 varieties of finger foods	•
☐ Dry Moroccan Olives	DRY FRUIT & NUTS
☐ Green Kalamata Olives	1-2 varieties of dry fruit & nuts
☐ Stuffed Green Olives (Feta or Pimento)	☐ Dry Figs
☐ Marinated Artichoke	☐ Sun-Dried Tomatoes in Olive Oil
☐ Tabbouleh Salad	□ Roasted Cashews

WINE PAIRING

☐ Pinot Noir or Sauvignon Blanc

☐ Dolma (Stuffed Grape Leaves)



GARNISH

☐ Fresh Basil, Rosemary, or Thyme

SPANISH

CHEESE 2-4 varieties of semi-hard cheeses	FINGER FOODS
———— SOFT CHEESES ————	☐ Stuffed Olives (Blue Cheese, Pimento,
☐ Valdeon (Spanish Blue Cheese)	Almond, or Garlic)
	☐ Castelvetrano Green Pitted Olives
☐ Manchego Cheese 6 Months Aged	FRESH FRUIT & VEGGIES
☐ Drunken Goat Cheese	2-3 varieties of fresh fruit & veggies
☐ Zamorano (Sheep's Milk Cheese)	☐ Raspberries, Blueberries, or Blackberrie
MEAT 2-3 varieties of cured meats ☐ Fermin Iberico Cured Loin ☐ Fermin Chorizo (Spicy or Mild) ☐ Jamon Serrano (Dry Cured Ham)	 □ Sliced Peaches □ Cherries □ Grapes (Red or Green) □ Mini Cucumbers □ Cherry Tomatoes
SPREADS & DIPS 1-2 kinds of spreads & dips □ Peggy's Peppers Pepper Jelly (Original or Mango) □ Divina Sour Cherry Spread □ Velvet Bees Honey Butter	CRACKERS & BREADS 2-4 varieties of crackers & breads ☐ Kii Naturals Fruit & Grain Crackers ☐ Kii Naturals Fruit & Grain Crackers ☐ Divina Mini Toasts ☐ Divina Mini Toasts
DRY FRUIT & NUTS	☐ Water Wheel Crackers
1-2 varieties of dry fruit & nuts	☐ Rustic Bakery Flat Bread Toast
☐ Valencia Marcona Almonds	•
☐ Divina Chocolate Covered Figs	GARNISH

☐ Mitica Caramelized Walnuts

☐ Fresh Mint

WINE PAIRING



FRENCH

CHEESE	2-4 varieties of semi-hard cheeses
	— SOFT CHEESES ————

- ☐ Le Chatelain Brie Cheese
- ☐ Cremeux de Bourgogne (Triple Cream)
- ☐ Le Roule Cranberry Spreadable Cheese
- ☐ Saint Agur Blue Cheese

----- HARD CHEESES -

☐ President French Madrigal Cheese

MEAT 2-4 varieties of cured meats

- ☐ Columbus Soppressata
- $\hfill\Box$ Columbus Genoa
- ☐ Martelli Prosciutto Di Parma
- ☐ Fermin Chorizo Iberico de Bellota

FINGER FOODS

- 1-3 varieties of finger foods
- ☐ Peppadew Sweet Piquanté Peppers
- ☐ Peppadew Cream Cheese Filled Peppers
- ☐ Marinated Artichokes
- ☐ French Olives
- ☐ Orange Zest Green Olives

SPREADS & DIPS

- 1-2 varieties of spreads and dips
- ☐ Divina Chili Fig Spread
- ☐ Divina Sour Cherry Spread
- ☐ DeLallo Olive Bruschetta
 ☐ Alexian Duck Liver Pâté
- ☐ Velvet Bees Honev Butter

FRESH FRUIT

- 1-3 varieties of fresh fruit
- ☐ Grapes (Red or Green)
- □ Blueberries
- ☐ Raspberries

CRACKERS & BREADS

- 1-3 varieties of crackers & breads
- ☐ Rustic Bakery Flat Bread Toast
- ☐ Kii Naturals Fruit & Grain Crackers
- ☐ Divina Mini Toasts

GARNISH

 $\ \square$ Fresh Mint, Rosemary, or Basil

WINE PAIRING

☐ Chardonnay, Champagne, or Viognier



HELPFUL TIPS

BUILDING YOUR BOARD

Start by arranging the most important ingredients: your meat and cheese. Lay out your cheeses from softest to hardest clockwise, making sure to leave some space for the meats. Fill in the extra space on your board with your breads, crackers, fruits, finger foods, and spreads/dips.

FINISHING TOUCHES

Just prior to unveiling your arrangement, lightly drizzle your meats with a good quality olive oil, and place fresh herbs or pieces of fruit in the bare spots. We suggest serving your board at room temperature, so pull it out of the fridge about an hour before serving.

PORTION SIZES

As a general rule, plan for about 2 oz. of meat per person. Some people will eat less, some more, but at least you'll be sure to have enough to go around.

PRESENTATION

For a rustic look, break up hard cheeses like Cheddar or Gouda with a knife or cut them into cubes. Fold the thinner slices of meat into small piles for easy access and attractive presentation. Larger slices can be folded in half (or quarters) and fanned out like a delicious deck of cards.

USE FRESH INGREDIENTS

Pete's Market offers the freshest produce and deli items in the Chicagoland area. Have questions? Our deli experts are ready to help you build the perfect board and make excellent recommendations.

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