

■ MENU IDEAS ■

Here are a few ideas for menus based on recipes in this book, combined with other purchased items to round out the meal.

Spring & Summer

Backyard Springtime Lunch

- Simple Pasta Salad with Basil-Balsamic Dressing
- Bread with butter
- Strawberry Rhubarb Compote
- Special Occasion Ice Box Cookies or purchased cookies

Backyard Celebration Dinner

- Roasted Red Pepper Dip with toasted pita triangles
- Ratatouille Salad
- Grilled Banana Sundaes

Fourth of July Barbeque

- Watermelon Gazpacho
- Grilled Vegetable Packets
- Grilled bread
- Red, White, and Blueberry Sundaes

Lazy Summer Barbeque

- Very Red Picnic Slaw
- Spicy-Sweet Vegetable Kebobs
- Rice
- Grilled Summer Fruit with Cinnamon-Honey Butter

Salad Picnic in the Park

- Relish and chips tray
- Avocado Salsa Verde
- Fiesta Pasta Salad
- Fresh fruit salad in a watermelon “bowl”
- Jicama and Green Apple Slaw
- Cereal Bars

End of Summer Harvest Feast

- Two-Bean Salad with Cherry Tomatoes
- Summer’s End Stew
- Pasta or bread
- Honey-Lemon Glazed Roasted Pears

- Recipes from the book
- Non-recipe items

