

DUNGENESS DELIGHT

KELLEY MOORE PUTS A SOPHISTICATED SPIN ON A TRADITIONAL CRAB BOIL

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WHEN THE SUN FINALLY comes out each summer, we embrace the opportunity to be outside in the fresh air, enjoying our city's celebrated vistas of water and mountains. Local waters are an abundant source of fresh seafood, which makes a summer crab boil the ideal way to enjoy Northwest-style cooking and local produce. On a recent sunshine-filled afternoon, I gathered with friends, including Steelhead Diner chef/owner Kevin Davis and his wife Teresa, at the home of Val and Greg Gorder for a casual get-together that showcased sophisticated food, friendship and the breathtaking beauty of Lake Washington.

From the yellow of fresh summer corn to the bright red of crab shells, the vibrant colors of summer in the Northwest inspired me to put together a party drenched in all that the season has to offer. Above, these life-preserver invitations from Paper Delights (\$2.15 each) are the perfect way to get guests excited about the day.

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Steelhead Diner chef/owner Kevin Davis prepared a delicious menu for our crab boil, including spicy whole boiled Dungeness crabs, sweet corn, new potatoes and steamed artichokes. Covering your table with corrugated paper—instead of the traditional newspaper—gives the table a structured look; like newspaper, it's easy to dispose of and recyclable. I went for a casual and sophisticated table, which I set with white Seaside melamine plates from Crate and Barrel (\$11.95), yellow woven placemats from Anthropologie (\$8) and Spiegelau Bordeaux wine glasses from Pottery Barn (\$12 each). The Tozai yellow urn from Tableau (\$89) adds a unique sculptural element to the table.



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The hors d'oeuvres that will steal the show: Mozzarella bocconcini served on this Sway rectangle platter from Crate and Barrel (\$19.95) makes a delicious starter. Right, I created unexpected holders for the Mother of Pearl flatware from Pottery Barn (\$65 for a 5-piece place setting) out of these unique Harry Jr accessory holders by Formila (\$25 at Annie's Art and Frame), which have moveable "tentacles" that are great for holding arrangements in place. Red lobster crackers from Mrs. Cook's (\$4.50) and Simrin napkins from Tableau (\$7 each) add finishing touches to the setting.



Steamed clams served in a cobalt blue Marin bowl from Crate and Barrel (\$12.95) atop a glass Emily plate (\$6.95) and white Seaside melamine plate (\$11.95), both from Crate and Barrel, make a clean and colorful setting. Dungeness crab cakes get a delicious makeover with toppings of crispy beets and sauce Louis. Right, I gathered with (clockwise from left to right) Katie Palmer, Greg Gorder, Heather Lavin, Val Gorder and Terresa Davis at the Gorders' Lake Washington house—the perfect setting for an indulgent afternoon. Left, this parrot bottle stopper from Anthropologie (\$12) adds a whimsical element to the table.





Above: I set up an oasis on the dock for basking in the sunshine or relaxing in the shade. This hand-painted umbrella (\$50 at Pier One) set in a glass cylinder vase (\$52.99 at Queen Anne Metropolitan Market) is filled with small rocks and ice melt (\$7.97 per bag at Lowe's) for stability. I covered the umbrella with blue floral sheeting (\$8.50 per yard at Display and Costume) to create a more festive feel, and upgraded these plain white painted wood chairs (\$99 at Pier One) by crafting navy blue canvas slip covers and adding Re-stick Fly decals from Velocity Art & Design (\$25 per set of six) for that beachy look. As the sun sets, large Napa lanterns (\$99 each at Pottery Barn) bring light to those long summer nights. Left: Buttermilk poundcake with homemade ice cream hits the spot on a warm summer day.



FOR CHEF KEVIN DAVIS' TO-DIE-FOR MOZZARELLA BOCCONCINI RECIPE, VISIT SEATTLEMAG.COM/CRABBOIL

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Left: This handy Rub Away Bar (\$6.99 at Bed Bath & Beyond) makes a perfect parting gift for guests. With one rub, the scent of smelly foods like seafood and onions disappears. Wrapped in bright orange flowered Elum wrapping paper from Paper Delights (\$3.25), topped with a sterling silver crab charm (\$15 at Something Silver) and presented in a soap dish (this one is \$11.50 at Miller-Pollard), it makes a practical and pretty gift. Below: Transform a Radio Flyer traveler wagon (\$127.99 at Greenwood TrueValue Hardware) into a bar that travels easily from the deck to the dock to the fire pit. Anika red runners (\$48.95 each at Crate and Barrel) layered with natural fish net from Party City (\$3.49 per pack) placed in the wagon herald a nautical theme and provide a surface for red beverage tubs (\$16.99 each at Fred Meyer) filled with crabs, ice and bar essentials like this glass shaker (\$24 at Pottery Barn), blue glass longneck pitcher (\$29 at Pottery Barn), Midnight Bar Lemon Drop mix (\$12.95 at Crate and Barrel) and Cabo shot glasses (\$5.50 at Pottery Barn). White shell plates from Pier One (\$4 each) with paper labels make great identifiers. 5

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