

WHEENK! LA-HA-HA-AUGHS

I AM THANKFUL

MARTHA STEWART WILL NOT BE DINING WITH US THIS THANKSGIVING. I'M TELLING YOU IN ADVANCE, SO DON'T ACT SURPRISED. SINCE MS. STEWART WON'T BE COMING, I'VE MADE A FEW SMALL CHANGES:

- *OUR SIDEWALK WILL NOT BE LINED WITH HOMEMADE, PAPER BAG LUMINARIES. AFTER A TRIAL RUN, IT WAS DECIDED THAT NO MATTER HOW CLEVERLY DONE, ROWS OF FLAMING LUNCH SACKS DO NOT HAVE THE DESIRED WELCOMING EFFECT.
- *ONCE INSIDE, OUR GUESTS WILL NOTE THAT THE ENTRY HALL IS NOT DECORATED WITH THE SWAGS OF INDIAN CORN AND FALL FOLIAGE I HAD PLANNED TO MAKE. INSTEAD, I'VE GOTTEN THE KIDS INVOLVED IN THE DECORATING BY HAVING THEM TRACK IN COLORFUL AUTUMN LEAVES FROM THE FRONT YARD. THE MUD WAS THEIR IDEA.
- *THE DINING TABLE WILL NOT BE COVERED WITH EXPENSIVE LINENS, FANCY CHINA, OR CRYSTAL GOBLET. IF POSSIBLE, WE WILL USE DISHES THAT MATCH AND EVERYONE WILL GET A FORK.
- *SINCE THIS IS THANKSGIVING, WE WILL REFRAIN FROM USING THE PLASTIC PETER RABBIT PLATE AND THE SANTA NAPKINS FROM LAST CHRISTMAS.
- *OUR CENTERPIECE WILL NOT BE THE TOWER OF FRESH FRUIT AND FLOWERS THAT I PROMISED. INSTEAD WE WILL BE DISPLAYING A HEDGEHOG-LIKE DECORATION HAND-CRAFTED FROM THE FINEST CONSTRUCTION PAPER. THE ARTIST ASSURES ME IT IS A TURKEY.
- *WE TOYED WITH THE IDEA OF RINGING A DAINTY SILVER BELL TO ANNOUNCE THE START OF OUR FEAST. IN THE END, WE CHOSE TO KEEP OUR TRADITIONAL METHOD. WE'VE ALSO DECIDED AGAINST A FORMAL SEATING ARRANGEMENT. WHEN THE SMOKE ALARM SOUNDS, PLEASE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE AND SIT WHERE YOU LIKE.
- *IN THE SPIRIT OF HARMONY, WE WILL ASK THE CHILDREN TO SIT AT A SEPARATE TABLE. IN A SEPARATE ROOM. NEXT DOOR.
- *NOW, I KNOW YOU HAVE ALL SEEN PICTURES OF ONE PERSON CARVING A TURKEY IN FRONT OF A CROWD OF APPRECIATIVE ONLOOKERS. THIS WILL NOT BE HAPPENING AT OUR DINNER. FOR SAFETY REASONS, THE TURKEY WILL BE CARVED IN A PRIVATE CEREMONY. I STRESS "PRIVATE" MEANING: DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, ENTER THE KITCHEN TO LAUGH AT ME. DO NOT SEND SMALL, UNSUSPECTING CHILDREN TO CHECK ON MY PROGRESS. I HAVE AN ELECTRIC KNIFE. THE TURKEY IS UNARMED. IT STANDS TO REASON THAT I WILL EVENTUALLY WIN. WHEN I DO, WE WILL EAT.
- *I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND MY YOUNG DINERS THAT "PASSING THE ROLLS" IS NOT A FOOTBALL PLAY. NOR IS IT A REQUEST TO BEAN YOUR SISTER IN THE HEAD WITH WARM TASTY BREAD.
- *OH, AND ONE REMINDER FOR THE ADULTS: FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEAL, AND ESPECIALLY WHILE IN THE PRESENCE OF YOUNG DINERS, WE WILL REFER TO THE GIBLET GRAVY BY ITS LESSER-KNOWN NAME: CHEESE SAUCE. IF A YOUNG DINER QUESTIONS YOU REGARDING THE ORIGINS OR TYPE OF CHEESE SAUCE, PLEAD IGNORANCE. CHEESE SAUCE STAINS.
- *BEFORE I FORGET, THERE IS ONE LAST CHANGE. INSTEAD OF OFFERING A CHOICE BETWEEN 12 DIFFERENT SCRUMPTIOUS DESSERTS, WE WILL BE SERVING THE TRADITIONAL PUMPKIN PIE, GARNISHED WITH WHIPPED CREAM AND SMALL FINGERPRINTS. YOU WILL STILL HAVE A CHOICE; TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.

MARTHA STEWART WILL NOT BE DINING WITH US THIS THANKSGIVING. SHE PROBABLY WON'T COME NEXT YEAR EITHER. I AM THANKFUL.

SHARED BY WHEENK

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