

## Entertaining—Buffet Style

Once in a while I come across a “What is it?” For the life of me, I just can’t figure out what this thing was originally used for. It’s a rack of some sort made of aluminum and steel and only cost \$1.99. It has a retro look and could be straight out of a *Jetson’s* cartoon! So it became a challenge.

**Problem:** What can I do with it today?

**Solution:** Use it on a buffet table!



Wide bottom beverage glasses fit perfectly and it holds eight. This set has a holly and berry design and at 49¢ each, a real bargain for Christmas entertaining.



Buffet style parties are usually more casual and so is the food. Custard cups also fit beautifully in the rack. I couldn’t find eight identical cups, so I mixed them up. Filled with condiments, it’s perfect for the next barbeque serving burgers and hot dogs. Much neater than having assorted ketchup and mustard bottles scattered around.



You know the old saying, "one man's trash is another man's treasure". I just couldn't believe what I found as I shopped last week. A set of Brookpark molded melamine dishes in chartreuse! The pattern is called Modern Design. The plates and cups are square!



I did some research and discovered they were designed by Joan Lutz in 1950 and produced by the International Molded Products Co. in Cleveland, OH. It won a Good Design Award from the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

I saw an ad for Brookpark dishes from 1953 with the headline "How Costly Are Your Flying Saucers?" The style was revolutionary for the 50's. Funny how something old is new again. Square dinner plates and lime green are hot, hot looks in tableware today.



My set includes 8 cups and saucers, 8 small plates and 2 dinner plates (all for 49¢ each!). I will be on the hunt for more dinner plates and the sugar and creamer. I can't wait for a summer luncheon to use these space age dishes!