HOST THOUGHTFULLY 023

Make Reusing a Glass Simple



HELP EACH GUEST KEEP TRACK OF THEIR OWN.

Give guests an easy way to recognize their glasses during the evening. Keep clean replacements available while avoiding a growing collection of abandoned glasses.

1 Choose an easy identifier

Use a simple stem marker, a small name tag at the base or another comfortable way to distinguish glasses.

Why: Guests can find their own drink after moving around the room.

2 Give glasses a place

Provide a nearby surface in the gathering area and a clear place at each dinner setting.

Why: A glass is less likely to disappear among plates or be mistaken for one that is finished.

3 Replace when needed

Offer a clean glass if one is misplaced, damaged or unsuitable for the next drink. Keep a few ready.

Why: The system should help guests feel comfortable rather than make them worry about asking.

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Keep identification discreet

Choose something that does not interfere with holding or setting down the glass. Simple is enough.

Separate water and wine

Let each guest keep a water glass alongside a wine or other drink glass. There is no need to make one vessel do every job.

Plan for a new wine

Ask whether a guest wants to keep the current glass or use a fresh one, especially when moving to a different style.

Leave washing for later

Once you have been drinking, leave the wine glasses for the next morning. Set them in a stable place and return to your guests.

THE PLATING MINDSET

Make each glass easy to recognize and comfortable to reuse, with a clean replacement ready whenever it is wanted.