

# Spruce up the front entry for summer entertaining

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**6) Watch your step.** And last, but not least, add a fun mat to welcome your guests. Now I am originally from the south, so I am all about a great monogrammed door-mat. But there are lots of other fun options out there. Pottery Barn and West Elm carry some nice ones, and for online sources try Ballarddesigns.com or Frontgate.com.

Now that you've freshened up the entrance it's time to welcome your guests for some relaxing summer fun. Try this easy hors d'oeuvre recipe, which has been a hit at my place. Happy Entertaining!

## Amanda's Easy Cheese Hors d'oeuvres

Manchego Cheese

Peach Preserves or Fig Preserves

Whole Almonds

Cut the manchego cheese into bite-size triangles; add a dollop of preserves and then top with an almond. Seriously the easiest and it pairs well with a summer sparkling Rose or Prosecco.

As the Owner and Principal Designer of Lamorinda-based Amanda Carol Interiors, Amanda Eck believes your home's interior should be both approachable and well-appointed. She often asserts, "Beauty is a necessity."

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