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Entertaining made easy: *Tatler's* ultimate dinner party directory

Dinner party SOS? Whether you're somewhat lacking in culinary skills, or would just rather spend less time in the kitchen and more time having fun with your guests, there's no shame in calling on a helping hand. *Tatler* rounds up the finest caterers, delis, restaurant deliveries and more to make elegant hosting a breeze

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D'Ambrosi

Husband-and-wife duo Andrew and Jesse D'Ambrosi have taken the Cotswolds by storm with their namesake deli in the pretty town of Stow-on-the-Wold, and now the couple have launched their first London outpost on Chelsea's Hollywood Road. The D'Ambrosis originally hail from New York, where Andrew was a chef in some of the city's finest Michelin-starred kitchens; while Jesse has an interior design background, today lending her stylish eye to the delis. D'Ambrosi offers exquisite dishes fit for all sorts of occasions, from convivial family feasts to formal entertaining. Drawing on Andrew's eclectic culinary background, menu highlights include a hearty aubergine dish with tomato and feta; sweet potato with radicchio and punchy harissa tofu cream; glorious sesame noodles with sambal; and a glazed carrot salad with Greek yoghurt, heady with cumin and tarragon oil. D'Ambrosi also specialises in rotisserie chicken, which makes for an impressive centrepiece; while the New England-style shrimp rolls are a fun nod to Andrew's American roots. On the sweeter side, the tender clementine almond cake with dark chocolate glaze makes for a sophisticated finale, while Andrew's chocolate chip cookies and peanut butter sandies are perfect for a picnic or al fresco tea party. D'Ambrosi also sells hand-poured candles made by Jesse, which make for a beautiful addition to any table (the sweet pea scent is particularly heavenly).