**Table Ideas & Serving Dishes**

⭐ **Table Decorations & Props**

**Centrepiece Ideas:**

* **Mason Jar Flower Jumble:** Fill mismatched mason jars with wildflowers or pink carnations. Wrap with ribbon and label each one with character names (e.g., "Schmidt’s Bloom," "Jess’s Jar").
* **Board Game Stack with Candles:** Stack retro board games like Boggle, Jenga, or a DIY "True American" set and top with tea lights or LED candles.
* **Quote Card Garland:** String little flags or cards with quotes like "You gave me cookie, got you cookie!" or "I am not a successful adult!" and hang them across your table runner.

**Other Décor Ideas:**

* **Character Coasters:** Print small circular face cutouts or emojis for Jess, Nick, Winston, Cece, and Schmidt—laminate and use as drink coasters.
* **DIY Loft Signage:** Create little “Loft Rules” signs (e.g., “No pranking during dinner!” or “Schmidt’s towel is sacred”) and display in mini photo holders.
* **Plaid Napkins:** Use plaid or gingham cloth napkins (Nick energy), tied with twine and a tiny tag that says something cheeky like “Don’t be a pranker, Winston.”

**Lighting:**

* **String Lights (obviously):** Hang soft white fairy lights over your table or around the dining area for that warm loft glow.
* **Desk Lamp Mood Corner:** Borrow a little from Jess’s bedroom aesthetic—set up a soft yellow lamp with a vintage shade nearby.
* **Tea Light Scatter**: Place tea lights in mismatched vintage teacups or shot glasses (very loft kitchen chic).

🍽️ **Perfect Dishes to Serve Food In**

**Starter -** **Nick’s Bar Nachos:**

* **Dish**: A rustic cast iron skillet or deep baking tray
* **Prop Touch**: Rest it on a wooden cutting board labelled “McPubbin’s Nacho Platter” (bonus points for fake bar menu!)

**Main - Cece’s Curry Night:**

* **Dish**: Copper curry pots or colourful ceramic bowls
* **Prop Touch**: Add a mini faux menu card labelled “Spice by Cece” with handwritten descriptions like “Dangerously Delicious” or “Model-Approved Heat”

**Side -** **Basmati Rice & Naan:**

* **Dish**: Small woven baskets for naan and rice in a domed ceramic dish
* **Prop Touch**: Line baskets with bold fabric napkins (think paisley or floral) and add a tag like “Side Hustles”

**Dessert -** **Jess’s Pink Cupcakes:**

* **Dish**: A pastel cake stand or tiered dessert tray
* **Prop Touch**: Add mini flags with each cupcake that say things like “ZOOEY WOW!” or “Made with Glitter & Feelings”

**Drink -** **Winston’s Mystery Punch:**

* **Dish**: Vintage punch bowl or oversized mason jar pitcher
* **Prop Touch**: Label it with a warning tag: “100% Probably Not Poisoned” and serve with striped straws + tiny umbrellas for drama

**🛒 Shopping List**

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