

THE MINI GAME AND VARIATIONS

I am sure that most of you have heard of the mini game.

For those of you that haven't, I will cover the basics for you then move on to the variations that I have come across.

This is a game to use at your demonstrations to get future datings. You use the "mini" pieces of Tupperware and insert or attach a slip of paper to them. Some will say "Congratulations, you have won a gift and a future party!" And some will say "Congratulations, you have won a gift!"

You ask each guest to take a "mini" but not to open it or take the slip of paper off of it. After everyone has taken one you explain the simple rules of the game:

- 1. Tell them what the slips of paper say**
- 2. Tell them that they do not have to play but explain the benefits of parties to them**
- 3. Tell them that if they do choose to play that they get keep the mini as well as choose a gift from your dating basket.**
- 4. DO NOT go around and offer the container for them to put their mini back but tell them that they must come up to your table and put it back themselves.**

You will usually end up with at least two datings using this game.

While surfing the Internet, I found two variations to the "mini" game and Myrtle also uses a variation.

Myrtle uses plastic eggs in a Storzalot Box with her slips of paper. She also places various "minis" in the box. Anyone who plays the game puts the slip of paper back into the egg and then chooses a "mini" from the box. The game is played just like described above but it is not necessary to put slips in more "minis" for the next party, just put more "minis" in the box, therefore saving time.

Another variation uses Smidgetts and an empty chocolate box. I have used a heart shaped box for Valentines Day. I would introduce the game by saying "Life is like a box of chocolates.....you never know what you are going to get! Again, the game proceeds as above.

The last variation that I would like to tell you about is the “Spring Bouquet”. For this you will need a large tumbler. I have used the Insulated Tumbler because it has a good diameter and height to balance the “bouquet”.

You will need the following items to prepare this variation:

1. 30 whistle straws (available on the RDC list item #7141, \$2.70 for 20 straws)
2. 30 Tupperware “minis” (keychains etc)
3. Curling ribbon
4. Slips of paper with the following:
 - 15 – It’s Party Time!
 - 6 - Pick a gift, pick again? (they choose a game gift, then choose another straw)
 - 4 – No Handling Charge Tonight!
 - 2 - 10% off one item tonight!
 - 2 - \$3 off your order tonight!
 - 1 - \$5 off your order tonight!

Cut the slips to fit inside the end of the straws, attach the “minis” to the straws using curling ribbon and stand up in the tumbler.

Explain to the guests how the game works and that if they play they must follow the instructions on the slips of paper.

Once the guests have chosen a straw, they remove the slip (you may want to keep a citrus peeler handy to help in the removal of the papers) and the “mini”. You keep the straw and re-insert the paper. All you have to do is tie a new “mini” on and you are ready for the next party. If you wish, you can give the guests who date a gift from your dating basket.

You can change what the slips of paper say to suit yourself and use whatever ratio you are comfortable with.....make this game fun and make it uniquely yours!