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Reimagine holiday string lights, summer-style, with this trick from **Rach's buddy Evette Rios**: Pop a colorful—cupcake wrapper onto each bulb, then twist them around backyard trees and porch posts pre-party.

plan ahead Be sure to check your light packages for the number of bulbs each string contains before buying the cupcake wrappers. [We ordered ours from the huge selection at fancyflours.com.]

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

A hole puncher, paper or foil cupcake wrappers, white string lights



HOW TO ASSEMBLE

1. Use a hole puncher to make a hole in the bottom center of a cupcake wrapper. Fold the wrapper if needed for a better grip.

2. Poke the bulb through the hole, pushing until the wrapper sits securely on the plastic just beneath the bulb. This will help prevent the wrapper from moving.



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Mother's Day breakfast in bed is a tradition worth keeping. But supper is a bit more surprising. Have the gang make you a batch of this risotto recipe from chef Gordon Ramsay, whose new cookbook, Gordon Ramsay's Family Fare, is due out this month.

Mushroom and Sage Risotto SERVES 4 PREP 15 MIN COOK 30 MIN

- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1½ cups arborio rice
- 1 stick (4 ounces) butter
- pound mushrooms, such as cremini and shiitake, sliced
- 1 large shallot
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese Grated peel and juice of ½ lemon Salt
- 1/2 cup fresh sage leaves
- 1. In a saucepan, bring the broth to a boil. Add the rice; cook for 5 minutes. Drain and transfer to a bowl; return the broth to the pan and keep warm.
 2. In a skillet, heat 2 tablespoons

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- butter over medium-high heat.
 Add the mushrooms and cook until browned; transfer to a plate.
- 3. In a saucepan, melt 1 tablespoon butter over medium heat. Add the shallot and cook until softened. Add the wine and cook until the liquid has evaporated. Stir in the rice, then add the broth, a ladleful at a time, adding more as it absorbs. Cook until the rice is tender, about 10 minutes. Stir in the parmesan, 1 tablespoon butter, the mushrooms and the lemon peel; season with salt. Cover and let sit for 5 minutes.
- 4. Meanwhile, in a skillet, heat the remaining 4 tablespoons butter over medium heat. Stir in the sage and cook until the butter turns golden and the sage is crisp, about 5 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the lemon juice. Serve the risotto with the toasted butter and sage.