

New Ways to Decorate with your Lazy Susan



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A Versatile Decoration Element

Of course, a Delivering Dreams lazy Susan is an attractive decorative piece all by itself. You can use it also as a practical accessory to serve food, or as an adorning element to display your favorite decoration. If you wish, you can change the décor—and the mood—of a room anytime you want just by switching the decoration on top of the lazy Susan. As an example of its versatility, you can use a lazy Susan not only to appoint almost any room of your home, but also your office, as well as practically any special event from weddings to retirement parties.

As a functional revolving serving tray, it is easy to see the advantages of using a lazy Susan so that foods, snacks or condiments can be easily reached from all sides of the table.

But why should we consider using a lazy Susan as a base for a decorative display?

Well, the answer to that question could be as varied as the decorative ideas you can come up with and the aesthetics of each decoration, but here are a few considerations:

- ◆ To begin with, the lazy Susan provides an attractive border around the ornament, much like the frame of a picture, to concentrate the eye on what is exhibited within.
- ◆ The natural wood provides a soft, pleasant background upon which to place other objects.
- ◆ The top of the lazy Susan is slightly raised off the surface or table, enhancing any decoration placed on top.
- ◆ The lazy Susan is portable and very easily can be moved around the room as needed.
- ◆ If placed on an area where food will be served (dining room table, kitchen counter, etc.), the decoration can easily be removed off the top and the same lazy Susan can take on its other role of revolving serving tray.

We will concentrate this guide on these two fundamental uses of the lazy Susan: As a food serving tray and as a decoration display.

You should experiment with different uses and designs, and please let us know what you come up with. A great place to share your design creativity would be to leave a review on Amazon of your Delivering Dreams lazy Susan. If you have photos you would like to share, so much the better.

Before we get into our design tips, let's briefly touch on the history of this useful, funny-named device.



The Lazy Susan in History

The idea of a revolving turntable is not new. In the early 1300s Chinese mechanical engineer, agronomist and inventor, Wang Zhen, is credited with developing a revolving table-top to hold thousands of Chinese characters as movable type to speed up the typesetting process. Often several turntables were used. The device was described and a sketch made in his book *Nong Shu* (Book of Agriculture), published in 1313.

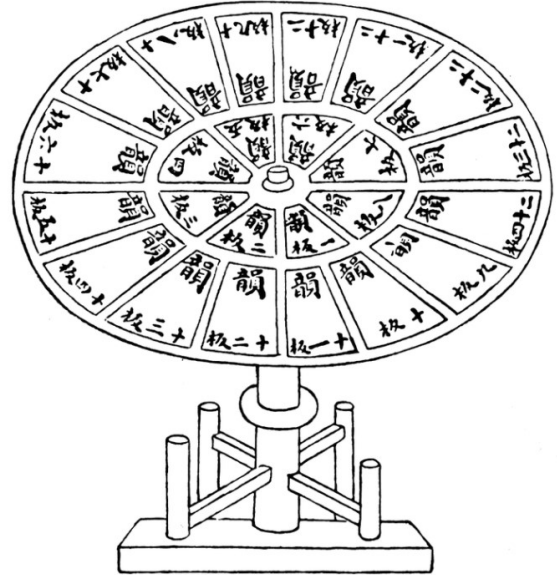
The use of a wooden turntable for food service can be found in the early 1700s, but the device was called a dumbwaiter (variously spelled dumb waiter and dumb-waiter at various times in history). The word “dumb” was used in the sense of “mute,” as in an apparatus that couldn't speak, but just silently served.

In April of 1732, the British publication, *The Gentleman's Magazine*, published an account of servants being replaced by a “Dumb Waiter:”

Tom Waitwell, a Footman, complains, that he and his Brotherhood have had the Honour to wait on the *Quality* at Table; by which Kind of Service they became Wits, Beaus, and Politicians, adopted their Masters Jokes, copied their Manners, and knew all the Scandal of the Beau-Monde; but are now supplanted by a certain stupid Utensil call'd a *Dumb Waiter*, which answers all Purposes as well, except making Remarks, and Telling of Tales, and this for this very Reason they are preferr'd.

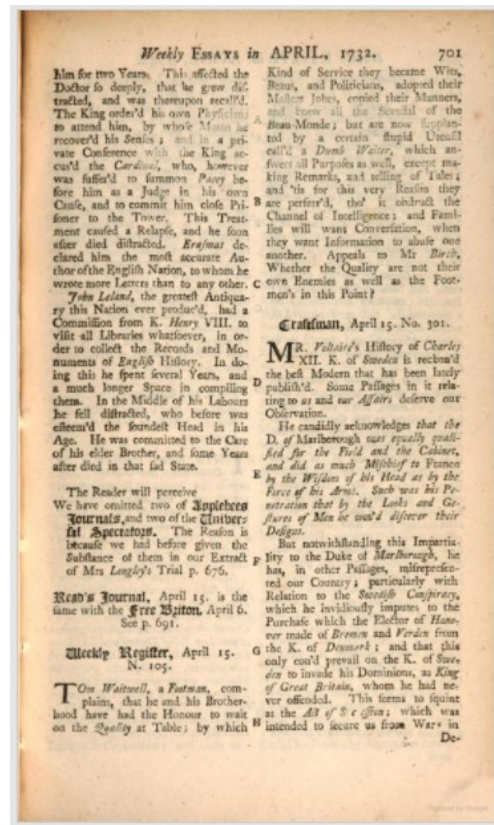
The term “dumbwaiter” was often used for both the elevator-type system, which raised and lowered objects through the use of pulleys and ropes, and the revolving turntable. The elevator-type device was used by the Greeks, and then the Romans. The Romans infamously used this system to raise and lower gladiators, animals and equipment up to the Colosseum arena floor level. Later, smaller elevators were used (and still are) to raise and lower groceries, food, etc. to and from kitchen areas, connecting rooms on different levels of a house without the need to carry items up and down stairs.

How could such seemingly distinct devices—a small elevator and a revolving tray—both be referred to as a “dumb waiter”? Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States, may provide a clue.



Above: Sketch of Wang Zhen's revolving movable type turntable in the *Nong Shu*, published in 1313.

Below: Page 701 from *The Gentleman's Magazine*, April 1732, with the vignette of Tom Waitwell's complaint regarding servants being replaced by a “Dumb Waiter.”



Thomas Jefferson reputedly admired the revolving type of dumbwaiter for food service while in France, and brought the idea back with him.

According to the White House Historical Association, Jefferson had small serving stands with shelves on them installed in the White House, as well as having similar devices installed in his home in Monticello. The tables with shelves were placed in the wall between kitchen and dining areas so that kitchen help could place food, salads, beverages, serving utensils, cutlery, etc. on the shelves inside the kitchen, and then revolve them to the dining area side without the need for a servant to deliver them.

Margaret Bayard Smith, a visitor to both the White House and Monticello during Jefferson's time in office, described the devices:

“A set of shelves were so contrived in the wall, that on touching a spring they turned into the room loaded with the dishes placed on them by the servants, . . . and by the same process the removed dishes were conveyed out of the room.”¹

So we can see how a turntable mounted in a wall between a kitchen and dining area might well be lumped into the same category as an elevator-type device also embedded within a wall.



A revolving serving device at Adena, near Chillicothe, Ohio, built in 1806-1807; possibly inspired by the “dumb waiters” installed in the White House by Thomas Jefferson.
Photo: Ohio Historical Society

The Name “Lazy Susan”

The term “dumbwaiter” continued to be used for both the elevator-type device and the revolving turntable throughout the 19th century. The term “lazy Susan” (sometimes spelled “Lazy Susan” or even “lazy susan”) appears to have been coined in the early 20th century.

Based only on folklore, the name “Lazy Susan” is often attributed to Thomas Jefferson and his daughter Susan, but that cannot be substantiated by scholars, and in fact the dates of the use of the term “lazy Susan” don't coincide with Thomas Jefferson. In Jefferson's time, the revolving turntable and the elevator both were called “dumb waiters.” Jefferson was probably the person most responsible for popularizing the device in the United States, having brought the idea back from France, but he didn't invent it and he didn't name it “Lazy Susan.”

It seems more plausible that the name, “Susan,” was used as a general term for female servants, and, as indicated in the account in *The Gentleman's Magazine* of the British footman, Tom Waitwell, the device itself most likely was intended to replace household help.

1 <https://www.whitehousehistory.org/dumbwaiters-in-place-of-servants>, citing William Seale, *The President's House* (Washington: White House Historical Association, 1986), p. 387.

The first patent for an elevator-type dumbwaiter was granted in 1887 to George Cannon, although he did not invent the already centuries-old device. His patent was for “a new and useful Dumb-Waiter.” In fact, the patent application clearly states that, “My invention relates to improvements in dumb-waiters...,” which offered a novel rope and pulley system with counterbalance weight to “dispense entirely with the usual hoist-wheel and axle....” [Emphasis added.]

In 1891, Elizabeth Howell patented “certain new and useful improvements in Self-Waiting Tables,” which involved a mechanism for revolving the entire top of a table. Considering that revolving tables have existed at least since Wang Zhen's movable type table in 1313, Ms. Howell's patent was for an improvement on existing technology. She called it a “Self-Waiting Table.” Nowhere in the patent is the term “lazy Susan” used.

As far as the revolving turntable that is separate from a table, the first patent appears to have been granted in 1904 to August Bruebach. Again, the patent is not for inventing the basic device, but for “certain new and useful Improvements in Revolving Trays....”

Here it is noteworthy that the 1904 patent is for a “Revolving Tray,” so the term “lazy Susan” was not yet in common usage enough to be placed on a patent application. It is interesting also that the term “dumb-waiter” is not used for the turntable.

(No Model.)
G. W. CANNON.
DUMB WAITER.
 No. 361,263. Patented Apr. 19, 1887.

INVENTOR.
George W. Cannon
 by *A. B. Smith*
 his Atty.

ATTEST
J. Henry Kaiour
Wm. H. Scott

U.S. patent number 361,263 for a “Dumb-Waiter” improvement by George Cannon in 1887

(No Model.)
E. E. HOWELL.
SELF WAITING TABLE.
 No. 464,073. Patented Dec. 1, 1891.

Witnesses
L. C. Wells
W. A. Bond

Inventor
Elizabeth E. Howell
 Per *Chas. H. French*
 Attorney

U.S. Patent number 464,073 issued in 1891 to Elizabeth Howell for improvements in “Self-Waiting Tables”

Many people cite the first published use of the word “lazy Susan” to an advertisement in the December 1917 issue of *Vanity Fair* magazine.

The ad was for an \$8.50 mahogany tabletop tray, which revolved on ball bearings. The ad said: “\$8.50 forever seems an impossibly low wage for a good servant; and yet here you are; Lazy Susan, the cleverest waitress in the world, at your service!”²

But there are reports of the use of “Lazy Susan” as a term for a rotating serving tray in *Good Housekeeping* magazine in 1906 (“A ‘Lazy Susan’ from the days of the Massachusetts colony,” vol. 43, page 249).³

A 1927 patent still described the device as a “Revolving Tray for Dining Tables.”⁴

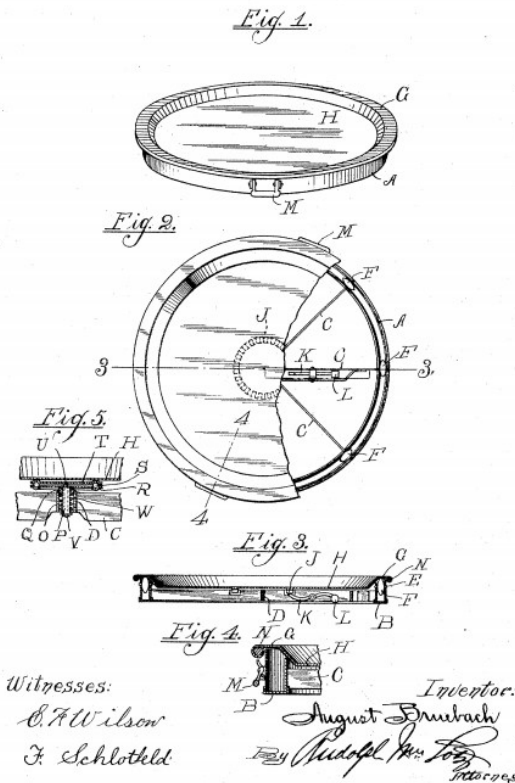
But by the 1950s and 1960s, the name “lazy Susan” appeared regularly in patent applications.

For example, patent number 2,913,126, was issued on November 17, 1959, to Howard Thompson, for “improvements in rotatable multi-compartment dispensing devices and is concerned, more particularly, with devices of the character known as *Lazy Susans*.”

Although many of the details of the background and naming of the lazy Susan may have been lost to history, what we are left with today is a wonderfully useful tool with a funny name. So let's look into what we can do with a lazy Susan.



No. 777,492. PATENTED DEC. 13, 1904.
A. BRUEBACH.
REVOLVING TRAY.
APPLICATION FILED APR. 30, 1904.
NO MODEL.



Above: In 1904, U.S. patent number 777,492 was issued for an improvement to a “Revolving Tray” by August Bruebach in 1904.

Left: George III mahogany “Dumb Waiter,” circa 1780. Sold at auction by *Christie's* in London in 2010. Photo: *Christies*

2 Klages, K. (1996, June 9). Who named the Lazy Susan?, *Chicago Tribune*. <https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-xpm-1996-06-09-9606090211-story.html>

3 (2014, July 1). Lazy Susan What goes around comes around, half gone. *The Word Detective*. <http://www.word-detective.com/2014/07/lazy-susan/>

4 U.S. Patent number 1,628,013, issued May 10, 1927, to Mandius Twedt.

Some of the Many Ways to Use Your Lazy Susan

As a Food Serving Tray

A Delivering Dreams lazy Susan makes serving not only easier and more convenient, but also lends a touch of elegance to any occasion.

Snacks, hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, finger foods and sandwiches

One of the more popular uses for a lazy Susan is both to display and serve hors d'oeuvres, appetizers and snacks. The mobility of a lazy Susan makes it an ideal tray for these kinds of “finger foods.”



Above: Crackers, cheese and cold cuts on a Monogrammed lazy Susan..

Below Left: Mixed nuts, black olives, green olives and baby artichoke hearts.



Because hors d'oeuvres are usually thought of as being served before the meal begins, while people are gathering and socializing, and generally are not considered to be part of the main meal, they can be served in any area where people are gathering and socializing.

Appetizers, on the other hand, tend to indicate the beginning of the meal, and are generally intended to complement the meal, so would be served on the dining table or wherever the main meal is served.

Snacks, sandwiches and other nibbling tidbits may be served wherever needed or convenient.

Below Right: Potato chips and dips (from left to right, spicy bean, French onion and ranch) on a Zodiac design Delivering Dreams lazy Susan.



Main Dishes at the Center of the Table

Just think of the convenience of not having to pass a heavy main course serving pan all around the dining room table. With a light twist, everyone can reach what's needed.

Whether the occasion is formal or casual, using a lazy Susan at mealtime is not only appropriate, but it makes a lot of sense.

A lazy Susan is just as handy for serving breakfast or lunch as it is for dinner service. Just about any food at just about any time can be enhanced by serving it on a Delivering Dreams original design lazy Susan.



Above: Mouth-watering pot roast & vegetables on a sea turtle design lazy Susan.



Left upper: Crispy fried chicken, macaroni salad and potato salad—so easy for everyone to reach.



Left lower: Do you start dinner with a salad? A lazy Susan makes a fabulous salad bowl serving tray. Then simply replace the salad bowl with the main course serving dish when ready.

Below: Serving a steaming hot stew pot to the dining table directly on a Zodiac design lazy Susan.



If you cook in the oven or in a pan on the stove, you may find it more convenient to set the entire pan on the table and serve. But you may not want to put your hot pans, pots and baking pans directly on the finished surface of your dining room table. That's where a wooden lazy Susan can be very useful as hot pad or trivet.

Delivering Dreams wooden lazy Susans are heat resistant, but keep in mind that any wood can scorch if a superheated object is placed on it, so you can also put a cloth pad on top of the lazy Susan under a red hot pan. Most pans and pots, however, can be placed safely directly on the lazy Susan, even straight off the stove or out of the oven.

Taco Night, Anyone?

Mexican cuisine lends itself to using a lazy Susan for serving. With such a variety of mix-and-match main dishes (think tacos, tostadas, tamales, quesadillas, gorditas, enchiladas, and on and on...), as well as myriad sauces and garnishments, one or more lazy Susans can certainly make the serving more convenient and fun.



Above: Hot sauce served in a typical Mexican *molcajete*,⁵ pictured here, appropriately, on a Delivering Dreams Aztec Calendar design lazy Susan.



Above: *Tacos dorados*. Delicious, crispy, golden fried, homemade rolled tacos, served with Mexican cream (can substitute sour cream if Mexican cream isn't available), hot sauce and lettuce.

⁵ A *molcajete* is a traditional Mexican stone grind bowl (type of mortar and pestle) made from volcanic stone. *Molcajetes* originated in Pre-Columbian Mesoamerica. The word comes from *molcaxitl* in the Nahuatl language of the Aztecs. *Molcajetes* are still commonly used today to make superb salsas and other dishes, and the flavor is noticeably much richer than salsas prepared in blenders. Not only can you make a great *salsa picante* in a *molcajete*, but you can also use the *molcajete* to elegantly serve the salsa.

Build-Your-Own Foods

When you have a large number of people to feed, it is often more convenient to put out the “fixin's” in an assembly-line style so people can prepare their own plates or sandwiches the way they like. Here again, lazy Susans fit the bill perfectly because everyone can rotate the tray and easily reach what he or she needs.



Above: Quick & Easy! Hot dogs, buns, pickles and various spreads for serve-yourself hot dogs.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and other sandwiches are ideal for this kind of service. Just place each ingredient (meat, buns or bread, lettuce, tomato, pickles, mayonnaise, mustard, etc.) out separately, and your guests can serve themselves.

Side Dishes

A lazy Susan is great for serving side dishes for any meal.

Dinner side dishes might include potatoes, carrots, green beans, peas, corn, rice, gravy, etc.

Lunch sides could be different cuts of potatoes, vegetables, or even garnishes and spreads for sandwiches.

Breakfast sides could include eggs cooked different ways, bacon, sausage, hash browns, toast, etc. You can also use a lazy Susan for putting syrup, butter, fruit and other toppings for pancakes and waffles.



Above: From formal dining to popcorn on a TV table for watching football, a Delivering Dreams lazy Susan is a practical convenience in almost any situation.

Below: Breakfast side dishes of bacon, link sausage and toast..



Fruit Basket

We debated as to whether fruit displays and fruit baskets should be in the Food Serving Tray section or the Decoration Display section of this guide, because it is an attractive decoration, yet edible, so could easily fit into either category.

We settled on considering it more of a way to make food available whenever someone succumbs to the allure and beauty of fresh fruit.

Condiments

Whatever you put on anything, it can be served with style on a lazy Susan. For Sandwiches it could be catsup, mustard, mayonnaise, pickles, etc. For other dishes, it could be salt, pepper, and other seasonings. Whatever people want to put on their food can be served easily on a lazy Susan.

Beyond serving and decoration, using a lazy Susan also gives cooks and chefs handy access to spices, oils and sauces while cooking.

Serve Sandwiches

Have you ever had occasion to serve sandwiches (or half-sandwiches or mini-sandwiches) to a large group, such as a Little League team or at a child's birthday party?

Well next time, consider putting the tray on a Delivering Dreams lazy Susan and let guests reach for the sandwiches from both sides of the table for faster, more controlled service.

Coffee Service

Coffee service on a lazy Susan is both practical and elegant. No more passing the sugar or cream. Everyone can easily reach what he or she needs.

A Delivering Dreams original design lazy Susan underneath it all would certainly provide an exquisitely-pleasant way to enjoy a coffee and great conversation.



Above: A Delivering Dreams lazy Susan makes a wonderfully appetizing way to display fruit.

Below: An elegant way to serve coffee or tea.



Tea Service

Just as with coffee service, using a Delivering Dreams original design lazy Susan can turn the simple pleasure of sharing tea into a special treat.

Desserts

Not only is a lazy Susan handy for holding and revolving a cake for decorating, it also makes it much easier to cut slices from a cake.



Above: Easily slice a cake by revolving the whole cake rather than having to angle yourself around for each slice.

Most deserts must be shared or divided, sliced or spooned, sorted or laid out for guests. Generally speaking, this can be made more elegant and fun if served on a lazy Susan.

Bar-B-Que & Picnic Fun

Just like for a chef in the kitchen, a lazy Susan can be very helpful for a Bar-B-Que grillmaster. A lazy Susan can be useful to hold the seasonings and utensils that the grillmaster needs while cooking. And then another lazy Susan can serve as an efficient transition place from the grill to the table in which the grillmaster sets grilled food on plates on the lazy Susan, then someone can take them to the table.

Just as with serving food on the dining room table or a kitchen counter, using a lazy Susan on a picnic table is marvelous for holding a variety of dishes and condiments:



Above: Rustic fancy tea service for a special occasion.

Below: Cookies are a classic after-school treat or after dinner desert.



As a Decoration display

Change is Easy!

With a Delivering Dreams engraved lazy Susan as a showcase, whatever decoration you put on it can be altered in a moment, and the display retains its effectiveness.

Here in these three photos, we see minor changes that only take seconds to make, can make the display seem entirely new.

Right: Simple placement of four plants, using a combination of ceramic pots, a cup and even a conch seashell.



Below Left: Quickly swap the cup and small plant for another pot with a larger plant and you completely change the look.

Below Right: Change the potted plant on the right with a smaller one of a different color, and again, in only seconds you change the display.



No matter whether you use plants, flowers, shells, candles, polished stones, incense holders, or whatever your imagination can come up with, putting them on a Delivering Dreams lazy Susan enables you to easily group your decorations. Just as a frame contains a picture and focuses the eye on what is inside, so does using a lazy Susan as a mini gallery display.

Since nothing is set in stone, with a lazy Susan, making changes and adjustments to your home décor is quick and easy.

In the Kitchen

The kitchen is an ideal place to keep your lazy Susan, because it not only provides a great way to decorate a kitchen, but then in an instant you can remove the decoration and turn it into a functional serving tray.

Right: Flowers in three separate vases decorate the kitchen island, on a lazy Susan that can instantly be enlisted for food-service duty.

Below: Easily, quickly and elegantly display any style you wish, in any space you wish, for any occasion with a Delivering Dreams engraved lazy Susan, such as this Aztec Calendar design.



In the Dining Room

A lazy Susan makes an ideal centerpiece display on a dining room table, as with this bouquet of fresh flowers in the photo to the right. When dinner is served, the bouquet is removed to leave the lazy Susan available to serve food.

For longer tables, two or more lazy Susans can be strategically placed to accommodate the larger space.

Frequently, Delivering Dreams lazy Susans decorate dining tables without any further decoration on top. The unique engravings provide attractive conversation pieces all by themselves, and when food is served there is no other decoration to remove before serving.



On a Coffee Table

Any living space can be attractively accented with a Delivering Dreams lazy Susan.

Aside from the physical beauty of the lazy Susan with your personal decoration on display, the extra advantage of using this trick is that the décor can be changed at any time in just a few seconds to completely change the mood.

Here are three examples in which the only change is to what is placed on top of the lazy Susan.



Three Quick Coffee Table Decoration Changes

Above: A jaguar sculpture and an essential oil diffuser on display on this lazy Susan.

Left: Change the mood with a seasonal decoration, such as this *Catrina* for the Halloween/Day of the Dead festivities..

Below: Make a statement, such as with this single conch shell.

Coffee tables are also ideal places to show photos of recent events, such as graduations or school plays.

You can also use your new Delivering Dreams lazy Susans to show off all your children or grandchildren's artwork, sculptures and school projects.



In the Bathroom

One area of the house that is all too often ignored is the bathroom. Whether the master bath or a guest bathroom, these spaces can be enhanced easily with a few decorations.

As we have seen, using a lazy Susan to display a decoration has definite advantages, especially in a guest bath, where you might want to provide a new decoration more frequently.

Guests will no doubt appreciate the thoughtful attention when you change the guest bath décor. You don't have to tell them how easy it is to do with Delivering Dreams lazy Susans.



It is in bath areas where you can let your imagination truly run wild.

Think of anything and everything from usable items like different soaps (displayed in different transparent containers), tissues, creams, perfumes, etc., to purely decorative items like shells, beads or rocks (also shown in different transparent containers), or even plants or photos. Use your lazy Susan like an artist's easel to let your creativity and self expression run free.



The same bathroom counter corner can have a different look every day with just minor changes. Notice also the effect of switching the turtle lazy Susan design with a Zodiac design.

Above: Hand towels, shells and perfume.

Left: Hand towels, shell soap dish on a rustic wooden three-branch holder and flowers in a pitcher vase.

Bottom: Same as the first photo above, but switching out the top shell with a conch shell holding an air plant.



A Lazy Susan is the Ideal Gift

Because it is both practical and beautiful, a Delivering Dreams lazy Susan makes an ideal gift for any occasion. It certainly makes a great housewarming gift, but also is popular at Christmas, Hanukkah, birthdays, Mother’s Day and other special events. It also makes a great “just because we care” gift whenever you want—even without a holiday.

There are several options in this regard. One option is to give someone one of our original art designs that you know they would enjoy. Someone with a beach house theme décor, for example, might love our turtle design. A horse lover might delight over our original horse design.

Another option, however, is to personalize the gift with the name of the person or family you are giving the gift to. You can’t go wrong with this kind of gift.

Personalization Options

Even with this, there are several ways to go. You can use a monogram letter for the family last name and then write something like, “The Johnson Family” or “The Johnsons,” as in the example to the right.

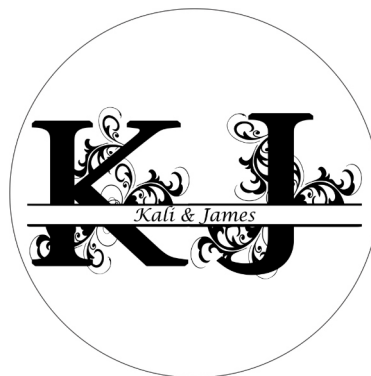
You can also put two first names within a single monogram letter that represents the family’s last name.

Or, consider putting two monogram letters and two names inside.

In Spanish-speaking cultures, you often see both the husband and the wife’s last names combined into a compound family surname. In such cases, the children’s last names normally would be a combination of both parents’ birth surnames. The Delivering Dreams lazy Susan gift could say something like, “Familia López-Rodríguez,” as in the example to the right.



Below Left: A couple named Deborah & Sam Jensen might choose this design. **Below Middle:** Two monogram initials (which could be first name initials or surname initials) and the couple’s first names in the middle. **Below Right:** You can also do something completely different, such as “Grace’s Kitchen” inside the monogram initial of Grace’s first name.



Using Lazy Susans in Commercial and Professional Settings

How Realtors® Use Our Lazy Susans

Open Houses

One of the most frequent commercial uses of our Delivering Dreams lazy Susans is at Realtor® open houses. This provides a stylish way of presenting the agent's business cards, flyers about the home or treats for the open house guests.

Another area we've seen Realtors® use our lazy Susans is to place the one on a small table at the entranceway of a home for showing or an open house to hold things like hand sanitizer and shoe covers to keep the newly-shampooed carpeting clean.

Of course, we can't overlook real estate offices, where there are always plenty of flyers, folders and business cards to display to prospective homebuyers.

Closing Gifts

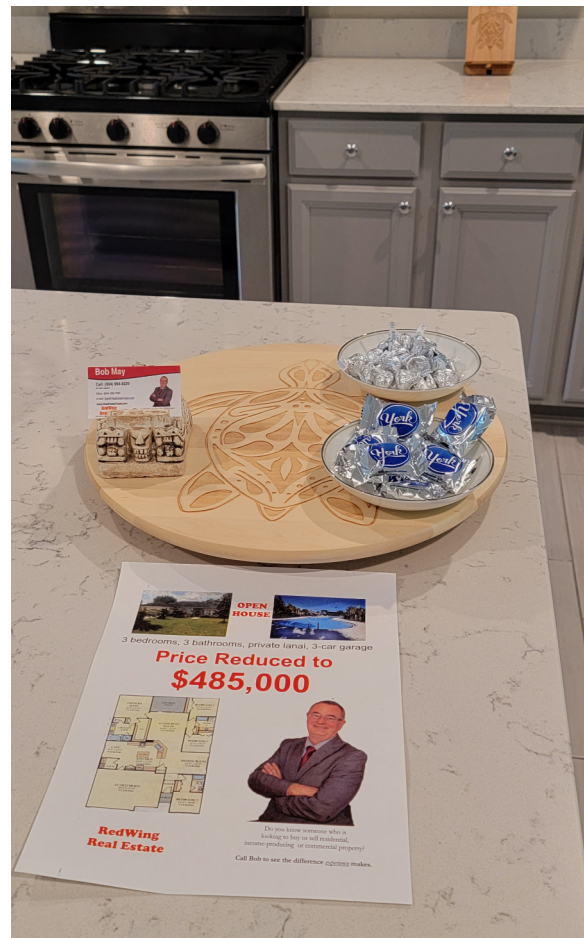
Although the ideas above are very handy ideas for elegantly decorating an office or an open house, by far the most sales to Realtors® of Delivering Dreams lazy Susans are for Closing Gifts to their valued clients as thanks for using their professional services. This is really a gift they will use for years to come. And with Delivering Dreams special Realtor® perks, they definitely will remember the Realtor® who gave it to them.

If you're a real estate agent or member of a real estate team, ask us about our special Realtor® Closing Gift promotion deals.

Offices

Other popular commercial uses include placing lazy Susans on reception area counters to hold pens, business cards, flyers or rack cards.

Additionally, conference room tables and coffee stations in conference rooms are popular places to use our lazy Susans, either for display or for food or coffee service.



Using a lazy Susan at a Realtor® open house to offer visitors individually-wrapped candies, and of course, prominently display the agent's business card, .

Medical Clinics and Doctors' Offices

Reception areas of medical facilities often need an attractive place to put brochures and business cards. This can be on the reception counter or in the waiting areas.

Retail Stores

Our lazy Susans frequently can be seen hard at work at retail stores as well, providing a classy way to display products. This is particularly effective for displaying small crafts or jewelry.

Restaurants

Restaurants use our lazy Susans to provide customers with a handy and decorative way of reaching condiments and spices on tables or dining counters. They can also be used to serve appetizers for diners to share.

Events and Celebrations

Many events, whether a Wedding or Baptism or Retirement Party or Celebration of Life service have some area for something guests can either take (such as small gift packs or mementos) or leave (for example, thoughts and prayers or best wishes).

Depending on the setting, space and theme of the event, using the appropriate Delivering Dreams lazy Susan can be a tasteful way to display gift packs or for the placement of a prayer box.

In events in which food is to be served, a lazy Susan definitely can be useful in the ways described in the *As a Food Serving Tray* section above. Cutting a wedding or birthday cake definitely can be made easier with a Delivering Dreams lazy Susan. Also, putting out food for self-service that people from either side of a table can easily reach would be more convenient and accessible with one or more Delivering Dreams lazy Susans.

When planning your event, consider also the scene surrounding whatever you want to display, including the possibility of drawing attention to the items by framing them against an elegant, revolving, slightly raised Delivering Dreams turntable.



Care & Handling of Your New Lazy Susan

Your new Delivering Dreams lazy Susan is a work of art, but it is also a solid, sturdy turntable that you can use every day. With just a little common-sense care, it will give you years of service.

For example, we do not recommend using your lazy Susan as a cutting board or butcher block, as that would mark the beauty of the design.

Your new lazy Susan is easy to clean with a washcloth or sponge, but do not soak in water or other liquid, which can damage any natural wood. When finished, let the lazy Susan air dry.

For the same reason, do not wash your lazy Susan in the dishwasher.

You may, periodically, apply your favorite cutting board oil to maintain the wood's freshness.

Although a lazy Susan is not a cutting board, it still may have direct contact with foods under some circumstances. For example, some people use lazy Susans as a cheese board without any other plate separating the cheese from the lazy Susan. For that reason, we recommend you always use a *food-grade* or *food-safe* oil.

One of our favorites is simply to use a few drops of coconut oil and rub in with a cloth or paper towel until the oil is absorbed.

Unprocessed coconut oils are high in saturated fats, and although resistant to rancidification, it can still turn rancid. So when using coconut oil, you should use fractionated coconut oil, which means the oil has been heated in a process called fractionation that separates out long-chain fatty acids and lauric acid. The resulting oil is much less susceptible to turning rancid than unprocessed coconut oil.

Other options can include mineral oil, beeswax and caranuba oil, as long as you make sure they are food safe.

Because of the possibility of some oils turning rancid, we do not recommend using olive oil, corn oil, sunflower oil or other vegetable oils on your lazy Susan.

Rubbing alcohol is very drying, so could damage the wood. In addition, rubbing alcohol is toxic. Avoid using rubbing alcohol to treat your lazy Susan.

Thank you for purchasing a Delivering Dreams lazy Susan. We hope you enjoy it for years to come.



Clean your lazy Susan with a damp cloth or sponge.
Do not soak and do not wash in the dishwasher.