

13. More crackers, please, there's still some brie.
Dinner's almost ready, after I make a cup of tea.
14. We're out of capers, oh my god!
Dinner's almost ready, shouldn't we wait for Sue and Todd?
15. Please make a quickie Co-op run.
Dinner's almost ready, hurry, I think they close at one.
16. My apron's stained, I'll rinse it out.
Dinner's almost ready, you didn't tell me you hate trout . . .

17. Those candles would be just the touch.
Dinner's almost ready, matches are somewhere near the hutch.
18. Now I forget, who's vegan here?
Dinner's almost ready, I'll make an eggless sauce with beer.
19. Both veg'tables are orange, my bad.
Dinner's almost ready, why don't we quick dial mom & dad.
20. Put all our guests on short alert.
Dinner's almost ready, I'll just run up and change my shirt.

21. The parchment paper's where again?
Dinner's almost ready, do we have chairs enough for ten?
22. Tom, be a dear, and fetch more wine.
Dinner's almost ready, how 'bout *Vin's Vino Shop on Vine*?
23. Placecards are nice, but not quite right.
Dinner's almost ready, please change the font to Gill Sans Light.
24. There, that was quick. Now don't be shy.
Dinner's almost ready, soon as I make the rhubarb pie.

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