

# Holiday Hosting Hints

## Quick Tips To Make Your Next Party Memorable

(NAPSA)—The best holiday party in town could be at your house this season as entertaining advice is now just a click or call away. A new resource, 877-4COCKTAILS and [www.4COCKTAILS.com](http://www.4COCKTAILS.com), offers personalized advice for all your entertaining questions. From how much ice to buy for 15 guests to what kinds of cocktails to serve people from the office and everything in between, party experts are there to help.

For additional expert advice, Cathy Riva, go-to entertaining guru and host of Discovery Home Network's "Party Girl," shares entertaining tips that will bring "joy to the world"—or at least to your party. Riva suggests, "For a new and easy idea, serve a large pitcher of a signature cocktail like the Apple Mistletoe Tini instead of traditional beer and wine."

"The holidays should be spent with friends and family, not stressfully milling around a grocery or liquor store," says Riva. "This year, come out of the kitchen, grab a drink and cheers to a stress-free holiday season with these tips and recipes from 4COCKTAILS."

**D-I-Y cocktail creations.** Set up a lively do-it-yourself station with a mixable base spirit such as ABSOLUT Vodka or Sauza Tequila, an array of flavorful and colorful cordials, such as DeKuyper, along with spice racks containing seasonal ingredients like candy canes, cinnamon sticks and peppermint. Offer up bar tools such as muddlers, shakers and strainers along with a paper and pen so your guests can experiment and leave behind their sig-



**Entertaining expert Cathy Riva suggests programming 877-4COCKTAILS into your cell phone for instant help when planning, shopping and organizing your next party.**

nature recipes for the next amateur mixologist in line.

**Who's the boss (of gift-giving)?** Not sure what to bring to your boss' holiday party? For the martini lover, consider pairing a bottle of Plymouth Gin with "The Savoy Cocktail Book," which calls for Plymouth in the original gin

martini. Impress the bourbon aficionado with a bottle of Jim Beam coupled with a copy of "Bourbon, Straight: The Uncut and Unfiltered Story of American Whiskey."

**Room for dessert?** Serve a sweet drink such as Cocoa Café—it combines the rich taste of Starbucks Coffee Liqueur, DeKuyper Peppermint Schnapps and Starbucks hot chocolate, topped with whipped cream. For a twist on the traditional cakes and cookies, create delicious cocktail-esque concoctions such as Cruzan Single Barrel Estate Rum chocolate cookies.

**'Tis the season to think before you drink.** Entertaining with cocktails creates a very merry environment, so it's important that the party host makes sure their guests get home safely. Designate a bartender to manage the flow of alcohol for the night and send taxi information with your invitations to provide a safe travel option for your guests.

These tips and other personalized entertaining solutions are available with help from the tips team at 877-4COCKTAILS and [www.4COCKTAILS.com](http://www.4COCKTAILS.com).

