

Party Planning Tips

Don't Be A "Slob In The Kitchen"

(NAPSA)—The holiday season means your social calendar is filling up quickly. While it can be stressful trying to work all of these get-togethers into your busy schedule, try to imagine the stress on the person hosting the parties.

"I love to entertain at home, but I also know how intimidating it can be for a host," says Karen Duffy, author of *A Slob in the Kitchen*, a cookbook due in stores Spring 2004. "One of the most important things is to know what to do when the inevitable sticky situations arise."

If you find yourself hosting a party this year, here are a few tips from Duffy to help you keep everything under control should your holiday party start to turn south.

Don't miss your own party! Organization is essential for a successful host. If you're entertaining more than eight guests, ask your best pal to swing by a half an hour before the party kicks off to help with the last minute details.

Breaks, Spills and Upsets. It's not a party until something is broken, so be prepared. Create a clean-up kit and keep it close



MAKE IT EASY—Karen Duffy reminds party givers to keep it simple so you can have time to enjoy your own party.

at hand. Stock it with clean cloths, club soda, stain-remover and a whiskbroom with dustpan. It will make short work of the clean-up.

Whoops! Not enough food. Nobody likes a stingy host, so make enough of the main course to serve half of the guests a second helping. If the table looks a bit bare, fill it in with last minute side dishes. Couscous cooks in one minute, prepackaged salad greens are a snap to serve and

some good fresh bread always rounds out a meal.

Party Responsibly. You want your guests to enjoy themselves and to get home safely, so don't pour the drinks like a flirtatious bartender on ladies' night. Serve Authentic Jose Cuervo Margaritas, which are ready-to-drink margaritas with a pre-measured amount of Cuervo Gold tequila already in it. All you have to do is twist the bottle open, pour over ice, garnish with a lime and you're good to go with a consistent drink every time. No mess, no fuss, no hassle! And remember, as the host it is your responsibility to make safety your top priority, so keep a taxi service number at hand. You want your loved ones around for the next party!

Still think throwing a party yourself is too much work? Do you want someone else to worry about all the details? Visit www.cuervo.com for more information on how you can win a party co-hosted by home entertaining expert Karen Duffy. Duffy will come to your home and help create a fun and memorable party, leaving you time to enjoy it with your guests.