

# Punch up your party



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## Cool (yet thrifty) spirited drinks

**Aching to throw a soiree, but low on funds? Don't fret! Throw a quasi-cocktail party.**

Instead of shelling out to restock the bar, or trying to buy enough beer to quench the guzzlers and micro-brew aficionados, try one of mom's old standbys — punch!

OK, it doesn't sound hip. But it looks and tastes fabulous, and it only requires one spirit and one bowl per recipe. No bartending needed, no groveling for the right glass ... just ladle and enjoy.

First, borrow a punch bowl with matching crystal cup clips, or splurge and buy your own. A set retails for about \$10-\$15 (sometimes less) at discount stores. If you'll be entertaining a large crowd, pick up extra clear cups at a party supply store. Experiment with the recipes on the next page. Add your favorite brands, but don't worry about using anything top-shelf. Go with fresh, seasonal juices to avoid creating a

grown-up version of Kool-Aid. Then let your creativity shine with funky garnishes.

Find a bundt cake pan or a Jell-O mold, fill it halfway with water, then add slices of citrus fruit, maraschino cherries, edible flowers, bright candies or peppermint sprigs. Fill remainder, moving garnishes around so they don't puddle at the bottom, and freeze. Release from the mold by holding the sides under a warm tap. Voila! You've created a festive ice ring for your party bowl's centerpiece. Or, add one fruit slice to each pocket in your ice cube tray so each glass can have its own garnish. You might try plastic ice cubes in bright novelty shapes to keep the punch from getting watery. Feeling adventurous? Show off your concoction with an acrylic fountain. They can be rented or purchased from the wedding department of craft stores, where you'll also find lots of kitschy items to decorate your bowl, cups and table.



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