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STIRRED - NOT SHAKEN!

Are you having a party and need some inspiration?
LET'S STIR THINGS UP!

SPARKLING WINE ON ARRIVAL

Freeze slabs of Cote D'or Dark Chocolate. Drop a piece of frozen chocolate in a flute glass and fill with sparkling wine. Serve on arrival.



STUFFED MUSHROOMS

Wash and remove the caps (steeltjies) and dip mushrooms in lemon juice. Stuff them with chicken liver patee and garnish with fresh parsley.



STUFFED CHERRY TOMATOES

Cut the tops of small cherry tomatoes. Hollow out, keeping the centers for a pasta sauce. Stuff with cream cheese and chopped chives. Serve on a bed of lettuce with fresh parsley.



CHEESE BALLS

Mix grated cheddar cheese, a little bit chopped onion, salt and a pinch of paprika. Add mayonnaise (enough to make thick paste), form small balls and roll into crushed crispy chips (Simba, Lays) Serve!

TOMATO ENTRÉE

Cut the top off a tomato, hollow out and stuff with rice or potato salad. Serve on a small plate, decorated with lettuce and fresh herbs as a side dish or starter.



Recipes & photos from Internet, magazines & recipe books

You've had the salt, now you crave the sweet...



CAMEMBERT / BRIE

Serve Camembert or Brie topped with nuts and green preserved figs (@ Home) or sliced fresh strawberries. Drizzle warm syrup / honey over. Serve with crackers.

SWEET SANDWICHES

Mash up bananas with thick cream and put them into a sandwich topped with a very thin layer of strawberry jam.

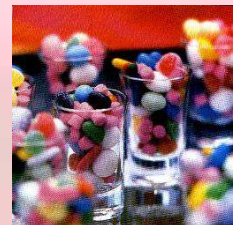


CHOC DELIGHT

Stack choc bars on top of each other, tie with organza ribbon and place on table for guests to nibble on.

SHOT-GLASS SWEETS

For a colourful display, fill shot glasses with Smarties and jelly beans and place at each setting.



GINGER BISCUIT DELUXE

Start with a ginger biscuit, top with a scoop of vanilla ice cream, some grenadilla pulp and finish off with another ginger biscuit. Dust the plate with icing sugar and decorate with fresh mint.

CHOC MUFFIN TOWER

Create a tower by piling chocolate muffins on top of each other. Dust lightly with icing sugar. OR make a koeksister tower, decorated with small white roses. OR a shortbread cookie tower, decorated with tiny lavender flowers OR pile up tiny pastries and drape an organza ribbon around.



Shake and decorate



ROSE GLASS

Use whisky glasses, fill each one with water and a single rose. Finish off with a pretty ribbon.

CAKE STAND

Why buy one? Start with a dinner plate. Centre a whisky glass, filled with water and a rose, add a side plate on top, then another whisky glass with a rose and finish with a saucer. Use this for savouries as well.



CANDLE HOLDER

Nothing to put your candles in? Use apples or pineapples. Make sure the base is sturdy and level.

FUNKY CANDLE

Fill an upright glass container/vase with carrots, tied with string. Or a few patty pans, red chillies or cherry tomatoes. Add a small floating candle on top.



PLACE MATS

Create your own by copying music sheets - A3 size. Crumple the page lightly in your hand. Straighten out the page and using a cloth dipped in black tea, lightly stain the page. Burn the edges with a candle. Leave it as is or laminate.

MUSIC PLACEMATS

Have any old vinyl records lying around gathering dust? Use them as a placemat.



Surprise your friends and family and give a shakin' and stirrin' party!