

# "Celebration Connection"

*Welcome the New Year in Style!*

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**Y**ou can create a New Year's Eve Party your guests will remember all year with a little imagination and help from your local Party Supply store. You need to mail out your invitations a minimum of two weeks before the event. Use packaged invitations, make computer generated invites or cut out hourglass or clock shapes for invitations. Tuck some star confetti in the envelope.

Light up your house, inside and out, with strings of colored or tiny white lights. Hang a Happy New Year Banner over your door. Add some horseshoes for good luck. Use balloons and yard signs outside to mark your location. Inside, use plenty of Streamers and Garland. Mylar Shimmer Curtains make a great backdrop for your Buffet Table, a DJ or Band. The more streamers and ribbons decorating the room, the more festive it

will look and feel.

Rent a helium tank and fill balloons yourself or pick up prepared balloon bouquets. Fill some of the helium balloons with confetti. Insert a funnel into the mouth of the deflated balloon to make it easy to put confetti into the balloons, fill with helium, tie them with colorful ribbon and let them rise to the ceiling. At midnight, pull down a balloon and pop it! Write out "fortunes" on small slips of paper and put one into each balloon. Use a Balloon Drop Kit for a stunning finale! A Balloon Bag typically holds about 50 - 9" balloons. Fill an assortment of latex balloons with air, stuff into the bag, and hang from the ceiling. At midnight pull the cord and have your own balloon drop!

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Last but not least are activities at your extravaganza. You must not forget the Horns, Hats, Serpentine, Leis, and noise-makers for all your guests. Games can play a big part in breaking the ice and entertaining everyone. Play charades describing events, personalities and movies of 2003. What about "Name that Tune"? Ask each guest to bring something to enclose in a Time Capsule. Set all the clocks and alarms in the house to go off at the stroke of midnight. Write the words ofuld Lang Syne on poster board and hang it on your wall. Everyone can join in and sing the song at midnight.

If your group of friends includes several children bring them to the party, kids enjoy celebrating too. Hire one or more babysitters and decorate a room just for them. Have kid food,

kids crafts, kid movies and a Piñata. Buy the sparkly pipe cleaners and let the kids create party crowns and glasses and jewelry that say 2004. Set their clock ahead two hours and have a special New Year's Eve celebration oriented for the children.

Whatever you choose to do to ring in 2004 be safe and responsible and have a night to remember for many New Year's to come.



Paul Kekich models 2004 pipe cleaner glasses.



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Use disposable party supplies for easy clean up. The New Years Designs of tableware adds a celebratory touch. Wrap the plastic cutlery in the napkin; use a piece of Star Garland for a napkin ring. Tie a bit of Star Garland or Mylar Ribbon around the stem of disposable Champagne and Wine glasses to dress them up. Float Star Candles in glass bowls filled with water surrounded by the confetti. The light from the candles makes it all sparkle. Surround platters, bowls and tissue with Glow Necklaces. Put Glow Bracelets in Balloons! Serve a mix of traditional foods that are thought to bring luck.

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