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1950s Dinner Party Shopping List

Classic Mid-Century Entertaining Essentials

APPETIZERS & TABLE NIBBLES

- ☐ Eggs, mayonnaise & paprika (for dressed/stuffed eggs)
- ☐ Fresh celery stalks & pimiento cheese spread
- ☐ Cream cheese, sharp cheddar & pecans (cheeseball)
- ☐ Assorted crackers & pimiento-stuffed green olives
- ☐ Sliced party cheeses & seasonal fresh fruit
- ☐ Mixed roasted nuts & pastel dinner mints

MAIN COURSE CLASSICS

- ☐ Ground beef & breadcrumbs (classic meatloaf)
- ☐ Chicken breasts, broccoli & cream soup (Chicken Divan)
- ☐ Egg noodles, canned tuna & peas (tuna casserole)
- ☐ Cocktail meatballs & creamy gravy (Swedish meatballs)
- ☐ *Optional Casual Bar:* Burger patties, hot dogs, buns & toppings

DESSERT & SODA FOUNTAIN BAR

- ☐ Vanilla, chocolate & strawberry ice cream
- ☐ Glass-bottle root beer & whole milk
- ☐ Chocolate syrup, malted milk powder & whipped cream
- ☐ Maraschino cherries & striped paper straws
- ☐ Fruit-flavored gelatin & canned pineapple (Jell-O mold)
- ☐ Ingredients for Baked Alaska, chocolate cake, or upside-down cake

BEVERAGES & PUNCH BOWL

- ☐ Ginger ale, fruit juices & sherbet (for party punch)
- ☐ Fresh citrus slices & berries (for ice ring garnish)
- ☐ Sparkling apple cider (for zero-proof toasts)
- ☐ Classic wines (Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc)
- ☐ Coffee, tea, sugar cubes & creamer for after-dinner games

DECOR, TABLE & GAMES

- ☐ Floral or pastel tablecloth & cloth napkins
- ☐ Low floral centerpiece & taper candles for candelabra
- ☐ Vintage glassware, punch bowl & serving cart accents
- ☐ 1950s crooner, jazz & swing playlist or vinyl records
- ☐ Rack-O, Canasta decks, Cribbage board & Monopoly
- ☐ Polaroid film & keepsake guestbook with pens

THOUGHTFUL PARTY FAVORS

- ☐ Pastel gift bags, tissue paper & handwritten thank-you notes
- ☐ *Ladies:* Embroidered handkerchiefs, scented candles, chocolates, hand lotion, or bakery gift certificates
- ☐ *Gentlemen:* Pocket combs, wine stoppers, manicure sets, mints, or classic shaving cream

Hostess Prep Tip: Pick up non-perishables, decor, and favor bag items one week ahead, and shop for fresh produce, dairy, and ice cream 1–2 days before your gathering.

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