COMPLIMENTARY HOSTESS COLLECTION

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The 1950s Dinner Party Printable Hosting Suite

Timeless Mid-Century Etiquette, Menus & Table Essentials in Sage & Pastel Pink

INSIDE YOUR 6-PAGE PRINTABLE BUNDLE

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> **Hostess Printing Tip:** Print Pages 2 and 3 on standard US Letter paper for easy clipboarding. Print Pages 4, 5, and 6 on heavy white or cream cardstock (65 lb–110 lb) and trim along the dashed guidelines for a crisp, boutique table presentation.

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1950s Dinner Party Shopping List

Mid-Century Menu, Refreshments, Decor & Favor Essentials

APPETIZERS & TABLE NIBBLES

- [ ] Eggs, mayonnaise & paprika (for dressed/stuffed eggs)
- [ ] Crisp celery stalks & cream cheese spread
- [ ] Cheddar, pecans & crackers (for classic cheeseball)
- [ ] Pimiento-stuffed green olives
- [ ] Assorted cheese wedges, mixed nuts & grapes
- [ ] Pastel dinner mints for table bowls

MAIN COURSE STAPLES

- [ ] Ground beef, breadcrumbs & tomato glaze (Meatloaf)
- [ ] Chicken breasts, broccoli & cream sauce (Chicken Divan)
- [ ] Egg noodles, tuna & peas (Classic Tuna Casserole)
- [ ] Cocktail meatballs & savory gravy (Swedish Meatballs)
- [ ] Optional casual bar: Burger patties, hot dogs & buns

DRINKS & PUNCH BOWL

- [ ] Fruit punch base, ginger ale & citrus slices
- [ ] Sparkling apple cider (zero-proof toast option)
- [ ] Selected dinner wines & coffee/tea service

DESSERTS & SODA FOUNTAIN BAR

- [ ] Vanilla & chocolate ice cream
- [ ] Bottled root beer, whole milk & malted milk powder
- [ ] Chocolate syrup, whipped cream & maraschino cherries
- [ ] Sponge cake & egg whites/sugar (for Baked Alaska)
- [ ] Pineapple rings & brown sugar (Upside-Down Cake)
- [ ] Fruit-flavored gelatin & canned pineapple/cherries

DECOR, GAMES & AMBIENCE

- [ ] Floral tablecloth, cloth napkins & taper candles
- [ ] Fresh flowers for low table centerpieces
- [ ] **Rack-O** (1956 game), playing cards & cribbage board
- [ ] Polaroid film & blank keepsake guestbook

GUEST PARTY FAVORS

- [ ] Sage & pink gift bags + handwritten thank-you notes
- [ ] Ladies: Scented candles, handkerchiefs, hand lotion, chocolates
- [ ] Gentlemen: Manicure sets, wine stoppers, pocket combs, mints

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1950s Dinner Party Itinerary

Host Countdown Checklist & Evening Timeline

PART I: HOST PREPARATION COUNTDOWN

2 Weeks Ahead	☐ Mail handwritten paper invitations with postage stamps; share the 1950s dress code (poodle skirts, A-line dresses, pearls; suits & ties).
1 Week Ahead	☐ Confirm guest count, finalize vintage cookbook recipes, and gather decor (vinyl records, candelabras, floral tablecloth, Polaroid film, keepsake guestbook).
2–3 Days Ahead	☐ Shop for groceries, punch ingredients, and party favor items; test any new mid-century recipes and press cloth napkins.
1 Day Ahead	☐ Assemble favor bags, chill beverages, set the dining table with low floral centerpieces and place cards, and prep make-ahead desserts (Jell-O mold or cake).
2 Hours Prior	☐ Prepare dressed/stuffed eggs, cheese-stuffed celery, and cheeseball; set up the game table with **Rack-O**, **Canasta**, and **Cribbage**; cue 1950s crooner & jazz records.

PART II: EVENING PARTY SCHEDULE

6:00 PM	**Guest Arrival & Welcome Punch:** Greet guests at the door; serve decorative punch, sparkling apple cider, and classic hors d'oeuvres while Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra play softly.
6:30 PM	**Parlor Icebreakers & Polaroid Snapshots:** Snap instant welcome photos with the Polaroid camera and kick off a lively round of **20 Questions** or **Name That Tune**.
7:00 PM	**Seated 1950s Supper:** Light the candelabras, turn off the television, say grace, and serve comforting mid-century mains with classic sides and warm table conversation.
8:00 PM	**Soda Fountain & Dessert Service:** Open the DIY Milkshake & Malt Bar for root beer floats alongside Baked Alaska, pineapple upside-down cake, or chocolate layer cake.
8:30 PM	**1950s Game Night & Swing:** Gather around the card tables for **Rack-O** (1956 classic), **Canasta**, **Cribbage**, or **Charades**, and pass around the keepsake guestbook.
9:30 PM	**Fond Farewells & Party Favors:** Thank your guests for a memorable evening and send everyone home with a sage-and-pink 1950s gift bag.

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Evening Supper Menu

A Celebration of Classic 1950s Hospitality

HORS D'OEUVRES

Classic Dressed Eggs • Cheese-Stuffed Celery

Sharp Cheddar Cheeseball • Pimiento Olives • Mixed Nuts

THE MAIN COURSE

Homestyle Glazed Meatloaf • Chicken Divan

Golden Tuna Casserole • Savory Swedish Meatballs

SWEET ENDINGS & SODA FOUNTAIN

Baked Alaska • Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

Fruit Jell-O Ring • DIY Root Beer Float & Malt Bar

REFRESHMENTS

Sparkling Citrus Punch • Chilled Apple Cider

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Hot Tea & Pastel Dinner Mints

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Wine & Cheese Pairings

Curated Table Guide for Cocktail Hour

1. Triple-Crème Brie & Sparkling Brut

Crisp effervescence balances rich, buttery Brie. Serve with sliced pears and water crackers.

2. Aged Sharp Cheddar & Cabernet Sauvignon

Full-bodied dark fruit notes complement savory, crumbly cheddar and toasted pecans.

3. Alpine Gruyère & Crisp Pinot Grigio

Nutty, slightly sweet Gruyère pairs gracefully with bright citrus acidity and green grapes.

4. Classic Pimiento Cheeseball & Pinot Noir

Smooth red berry notes highlight creamy herbs and sharp cheese without overpowering the palate.

Zero-Proof Pairing: Chilled Sparkling Apple Cider pairs wonderfully with every cheese above!

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