

# WATCH PARTIES

So Gina's throwing a Super Bowl shindig too? Nuh-uh: With these grub, game, and (simple, we promise) decoration tips, your TV will be the most popular set of the season.

|                 | OSCARS  | GRAMMYS  | SUPER BOWL  |
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| THE FOOD        | <p><b>Trick out popcorn</b> by shoveling it into vintage red and white boxes and setting out a blitz of seasonings. Try Urban Accents for variety—yum, sizzling sriracha! (\$7 each, Crate &amp; Barrel). For a sweet snack, serve star-shaped cookies.</p>                 | <p>The Grammys are bold and bright, so go that way with a colorful plate of <b>veggie flatbread</b> or a fruit tray assortment. Arrange by rows of similar colors, like red, yellow, and green peppers or different types of baby tomatoes.</p>                | <p>Buffet-style works best since people tend to pop up between commercials. Fan fave? <b>Chili bar</b> (meat or veggie!). Set out toppings—shredded cheese, sour cream, chopped scallions—and score a surprise touchdown (yuk yuk) with spicy olives.</p>                         |
| THE BOOZE       | <p>Pop open <b>champagne</b> and <b>prosecco</b>, and for a glitzy touch, add rock candy stir sticks to each glass. Bubbly goes down nice and easy but brings on a morning headbanger, so be sure to have still water available with fresh strawberries and lemons too.</p> | <p>The Super Bowl, spirited. The Oscars, sophisticated. The Grammys? Flashy. Hence: <b>pomegranate cosmos</b>. Make as much as you need before the party starts, then leave out a pitcher for guests to top off their glasses throughout the night.</p>        | <p>The booziest of the bunch deserves liquor, so serve <b>hard lemonade</b>. And swap out plain beer for two-ingredient bevs to play off the dueling teams: beer sangria (your fave ale mixed with fruits—oranges are in season now) or beer-limeade margaritas.</p>              |
| THE DECORATIONS | <p>For a theater-esque vibe, cover your home's usual framed art with <b>posters of the movies</b> that are nominated. Fancy up the joint with tea-light candles and gold cocktail napkins.</p>  | <p>Use <b>vinyl records</b> as trays (find 'em at vintage stores or thrift shops). Have guests come dressed as favorite Grammys moments (hey there, denim Britney and Justin!). Too much commitment? Stick gold stars to the wall with your guests' names.</p> | <p>Line a table with <b>AstroTurf</b> (Home Depot, from \$1.25 per square foot) and use masking tape for lines to make a football-field serving station. Embrace the dork: Use team colors for cocktail napkins, cozies, and foam fingers so guests can cheer on their squad.</p> |
| THE GAMES       | <p>Trade shots for burpees in our <b>WH Oscars Workout Game!</b> Be ready to jog in place, wall-sit, plank, and more with cues from the ceremony. Find all the details for this fitness challenge at WomensHealthMag.com.</p>   | <p>Hold <b>lip-synching</b> contests, Jimmy Fallon-style, during the show's performances and have guests vote on their favorite one.</p>   | <p>Make a few <b>friendly bets</b> (<i>beyond</i> the winner). Ask guests to write down what they think the specific outcome of the game will be (QB runs it into the end zone for winning TD) and put their bets in a jar with \$1 to \$5 each. Whoever's right wins all!</p>    |
| THE FAVORS      | <p>Hand out <b>DVDs</b> of old movies (cheap, from \$5, familyvideo.com) and include a gift card for a movie inside the case for your guests to use in theaters.</p>  | <p>Gather a bunch of old <b>cassette tapes</b> (or buy some for mere dimes on eBay). Remove the tapes from the cases and replace them with USBs that have a playlist of songs from the night's artists.</p>  | <p>Order custom-printed <b>bottle openers</b> and design them with team names, the date of the party, or both (\$4 each, shindigz.com). Simple, useful, easy.</p>   |



Sources: NYC-based Little Miss Party Planner; Marc J. Sievers, entertaining expert and cookbook author

GETTY IMAGES (GOLD STARS, VEGETABLE FLATBREAD); ISTOCK (CHILI, CURRENCY, BOTTLE OPENER); RODALE IMAGES (POPCORN, CHAMPAGNE, VINYL RECORD, ASTROTURF, MICROPHONE, CASSETTE TAPE CASE, USB); ALAMY (DVD); SHUTTERSTOCK (LEMONADE DRINK)