



Your Ultimate New Year's Eve Party Checklist

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There's nothing like a festive [New Year's Eve](#) party, don't you think? 2017 will be here before you know it and you may be wanting to host a New Year's Eve bash to finish out 2016 with a bang and greet the New Year with a celebration! So, if you're looking for some New Year's Eve party ideas, we've got you covered. From food to drinks to decorations and party favors, here's everything you need to throw the ultimate New Year's Eve bash!

Plus, when you purchase your New Year's Eve party decorations through [Splendor.com](#), you can scoop up some savings, too, with cash back rewards and coupons!

Create the mood

When it comes to New Year's Eve party decorations, the glitzier the better. This is the time to bust out your metallic or glittery décor. Try filling your entire ceiling with gold and silver balloons—bonus points for sparkly, curly strings—for a fun decorative look. We love these [Gold Confetti Balloons](#) from [Walmart.com](#) (2% cash back).

Don't forget cheesy glasses, noisemakers and party hats. Sure, these items might be a little silly, but for many people they're essential for a New Year's Eve party. Consider having them on hand if your party is low-key rather than formal. This [Elegant New Year's Eve Party set](#) from [Oriental Trading Company](#) (3% cash back) has a variety of accessories that will outfit up to 25 of your guests!

In addition, make a unique and [festive backdrop](#) for taking Instagram-worthy New Year's Eve photos, or hang up a blank piece of paper on the wall for your guests to write down their resolutions.

When in doubt, it's perfectly acceptable to use sequins and confetti in places other than on your [dress](#)!

Pick up the provisions



You might not be serving a full meal at your party, but be sure to have some food on hand.

There's no need for an elaborate menu, though—let guests nibble on hearty little bites such as veggies and dip, pretzels, mini pizzas and chips. And make sure there's some sugar in the form of cake or [these champagne macarons](#) for when they need a boost. Another budget-friendly option is always a potluck style party!

Pro Tip: It's a great idea to shop right after the Christmas holiday for [amazing deals](#) on party food, decorations and dinnerware that will work with any theme.

Decide on spirits



Seriously, what's a New Year's Eve party without Champagne? So be sure to have plenty of bubbly on hand! Consider adding a scoop of sorbet into your champagne glasses for a fizzing, sweet good time!

And for any underage guests at your party, make these adorable [milk sprinkle shots](#) (shown above) from the Little Peanut Magazine.

Plan games

We love games that get the party conversation started. A game of "Highlights of the Year" is the perfect way to do this. To play the game, write out your questions on paper or card stock. Write questions like: best song of the year, best movie, most embarrassing moment, most memorable trip, etc. It's a great chance to hear about everyone's favorite memories from the past year. Next, put all the cards in a glass bowl and pass it around your group. Each guest picks a card, reads it aloud and gives their answer. Then throw the cards back in the bowl and pass it around again!

A [DIY New Year's Eve photo booth](#) will give your guests a fun memory to take home with them. When making your own photo booth, make sure to have some cool props on hand for guests to enjoy. We love these [New Year's Photo Booth Props](#) from [Jet.com](#) (2% cash back).

Something special for midnight

You can't have a New Year's Eve party without planning a countdown to midnight! You could always just turn on your television to watch the ball drop, but something a little more special will add to the fun and celebration. Toast with Champagne and pass around these [Champagne Bottle Confetti Poppers](#) from [Jet.com](#) (2% cash back).

Party favors

Everyone loves a party favor. Send your guests home with something little, thoughtful and fun. Offer them parting gifts of good fortune—literally! Send your guests home with a bag of fortune cookies to wish them “good fortune” in the coming year. These [Fortune Cookies](#) from [Oriental Trading Company](#) (3% cash back) will do just the trick!

Fun care packages for New Year's Day are always a thoughtful gift as well. Fill small bags with things like Aspirin, vitamin C and some coffee to give your guests a little pick-me-up the next day.

Source your playlists

After champagne, there's nothing more important than good music to listen to while drinking it. Ask all of your guests to give you their three favorite songs when they RSVP for the party. Then create a custom playlist with all of your guests' favorites!

Many people certainly like to go all out for New Year's Eve. If this is the year you hope to throw an unforgettable New Year's Eve party for your friends and family, this checklist is sure to help get you started. You can use this checklist for other parties throughout the year, too, just by changing a color or small detail!

Remember to [sign up for Splender](#) to save big and receive cash back on all of your New Year's Eve ensembles and party decorations. Cheers to that!

