



Easy 50th Birthday Party Ideas

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I recently hosted a 50th Birthday party for my friend Christine. We had a fun girls night with lots of laughs, an assortment of appetizers and cocktails. I consulted trusty Pinterest to help me plan for the party, but was a little disappointed in that I just didn't see anything that wowed me. I also made a trip to Party City for inspiration, but once you turn 40 everything is Over The Hill and in black. I wanted this party to be fabulous, personal and rustic glam.



There were six of us which fit perfectly at my table. I tried to use things that I had on hand for my tablescape. I also borrowed a few items from friends. I started with a white tablecloth which I miserably attempted to iron. The wrinkles are part of the rustic glam factor. I then layered a burlap runner over it. I have an obsession with burlap right now.







I had a few pictures of Christine from high school that her husband shared with me. I printed them out on card stock and attached them to glass vases with glue dots. I had some black and white argyle ribbon that I also attached to the vase. Coincidentally the ribbon paired nicely with my chevron black and white napkins. I wanted to keep things simple in terms of a color scheme so I stuck with black and white and used mercury glass candlesticks and votives for the glam factor. I used white candles in the vases and the candlelight gave the table a nice ambiance into the wee hours of the night.



I created a burlap pendant banner to hang on my pot rack which was inspired by Pinterest. I simply made a triangle on the computer and printed it out as my template. I cut the triangles out of burlap and hand wrote fab 50 with a black sharpie marker directly onto the burlap. I used a glue gun to attach the burlap triangles to some twine.



I set up a DIY vodka bar so everyone could mix their own cocktail. I had an assortment of vodkas and juices to choose from as well garnishes such as: maraschino cherries, limes, lemons and olives. I bought little bamboo appetizer skewers at Party City and made mini pendants to attach to them that said fab 50. I've included a chart for setting up your own vodka bar and a recipe for an Island Cake which was a popular choice among our group.

Elements of a DIY Vodka Bar



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Island Cake

Recipe Type: Cocktail

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Ingredients

- 2 oz. cake vodka
- 2 oz. pineapple juice
- 2 oz. orange juice
- maraschino cherries for garnish

Instructions

1. Stir vodka, pineapple juice and orange juice in a glass filled with ice. Add maraschino cherries or other fruit to garnish your drink.

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I think these napkins express the theme of my party best. "I'm not aging, I'm evolving." I have a few more years until I reach fifty, but I've heard 50 is Fabulous and so is Christine! I was glad I could be a part of her celebration.

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