# Holiday Party Countdown & Chart

## Host a seamless, effortlessly elegant celebration that pours itself.

Set up strategic self-serve stations and calculate exact quantities for your guest count. When the math and scheduling are handled in advance, you can finally relax and enjoy a glass of punch.



### Key Party Metrics

**Opposite wall**
Place bar opposite the food

**1 hour**
Let muddled citrus-peel sugar base sit

**4 hours**
Time a tube-pan ice ring lasts

**20 minutes**
Standard ice cubes melt and dilute

**30 to 45 mins**
Let cheese soften at room temperature

*Slice Cheese Cold*

*Slice soft and semi-hard cheeses straight from the refrigerator using a warm knife. Cold cheese maintains its structural integrity for beautiful, uniform geometric shapes without tearing.*

### Host Countdown Timeline

1. **Plan the Layout** Analyze your entertaining space to identify natural traffic flow and establish clear walking paths.
2. **The Day Before** Boil water and freeze in a seamless aluminum bundt pan. Store muddled citrus base refrigerated.
3. **The Morning Of** Anchor your grazing board with large items. Wrap a board twin in fridge tightly.
4. **Right Before Doors** Avoid adding carbonation to punch too early so it keeps its refreshing fizz.

## Per-Guest Quantity Chart

| Guests | Ice for drinks | Bites per hour (minimum) | Bites per hour (maximum) | Drinks (first hour) | Drinks (each extra hour) |
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| 10 | 10 lbs | 40 pieces | 60 pieces | 20 servings | 10 servings |
| 20 | 20 lbs | 80 pieces | 120 pieces | 40 servings | 20 servings |
| 30 | 30 lbs | 120 pieces | 180 pieces | 60 servings | 30 servings |

Relying on concrete numbers eliminates the anxiety of a last-minute dash to the store.

## Holiday Station Styles

Find your row: **Your event time**

| Your event time | Your pick | Why |
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| Formal evening gathering | Moody cocktail elegance | Deep slate tones and gold accents. |
| Daytime holiday event | Bright morning brunch | Crisp whites and vibrant reds. |
| Cabin retreat | Cozy rustic gathering | Warm woods and copper vessels. |

## Party Notes

Here is to a beautifully organized, smoothly flowing holiday celebration with your favorite people!