

get together!  
**Hostess  
Gifts**



**drink markers:**

- Paint pens

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- Flat wooden clothespins

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- Black fine-point permanent marker

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- Burlap bag (optional)

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**TO MAKE:** Use paint pens to draw characters on each clothespin (add facial and clothing details with a fine-point marker). Bonus points if characters are easily pegged as friends, family members, and/or pop culture icons. Add a personalized burlap bag to store the clothespins.



**pillow talk:**

- Bleach pen

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- Small decorative pillow

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**TO MAKE:** Use a bleach pen to paint a phrase or design onto pillow; let dry. Add another coat, as needed, until you've reached your desired tone.



**etched vase:**

- Masking tape

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- Glass jar or vase

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- Frosted-glass spray paint

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- Flowers (optional)

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**TO MAKE:** Use masking tape to create a design. Coat vase with frosted-glass spray paint following manufacturer's instructions; let dry. Peel away masking tape when dry. If desired, tuck a few buds into vase.



**transplant jar:**

- Canning jar or small, wide-mouth glass vessel

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- Burlap

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- Ribbon

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- Dirt

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- Small plant trimming

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**TO MAKE:** Wrap an inexpensive jar—even a clean salsa or pickle jar will do—in a swath of burlap and decorative ribbon. Fill jar with dirt and top it off with your plant sprig. (Try a succulent, spider plant, holiday cactus, African violet, or aloe.)



**wine or bread gift bag:**

- Flour-sack towel

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- Iron-on fusible adhesive (We used Heat 'n Bond Ultrahold.)

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- Freezer paper

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- Kitchen sponge or sponge paintbrush

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- Fabric paint

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**TO MAKE:** Lay a flour-sack towel horizontally, cut up middle, and fold remaining two halves vertically. Bind long edges with fusible adhesive. Trace a stencil onto a piece of freezer paper (glossy side down); we printed cheers for one bag and yum for the other in different fonts. Cut out stencils, leaving approximately an inch of paper around type; discard cut-out piece. Using medium heat, iron freezer paper, glossy side down, directly onto bag. Insert a scrap piece of cardboard into bag to prevent bleeding; use a sponge brush or kitchen sponge to apply paint. Remove freezer paper while paint is still wet; let dry completely. Once dry, add a bottle of wine or an artisan loaf of bread for festive, totable gifts.



**napkin set:**

- Stamp

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- Waterproof ink pad

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- Standard paper napkins

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- Twine (optional)

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**TO MAKE:** Stamp corner of each napkin for a custom set your hostess will love. (If desired, tie stack with a simple piece of twine or scrap of fabric.)

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**drink tag  
coasters:**

Acrylic crafts paint

Paintbrush (or try a paint pen instead of paint and a paintbrush)

Four 3- to 4-inch-diameter circles of cork, heavy cardboard, or wood slices

4 oz. glossy decoupage medium (We used Mod Podge.)

String (optional)

**TO MAKE:** Use crafts paint and a paintbrush to add a design on the circles. (Or use a paint pen to write or add precise details.) Once paint is dry, cover entire coaster—including edges—in glossy decoupage medium. If desired, punch a hole in coasters and attach string to hang from beer or wine bottles.



**chalkboard  
platter:**

Platter

Pencil

Paintbrush

Chalkboard paint

Roller paintbrush

**TO MAKE:** Outline the base of platter with a pencil. Carefully use a thin brush to paint outline with chalkboard paint. Fill in rest of base using a paint roller for a smooth writing surface.



**DIY disposables:**

Plastic or bamboo utensils

Washi or paper tape (or acrylic crafts paint)

**TO MAKE:** Wrap handles of some disposable utensils in your favorite washi tape or dip ends in paint.