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How To | 5 Tips to Host the Holidays without the Headache

If you've ever played host for the holidays, you know that while it is always fun to bring family and friends together, it can also come with its own headaches. Getting the house decorated and ready, preparing a menu and cooking the food, and the looming cleanup chores can be enough to overwhelm even the most experienced host. Luckily we can help with these 5 Tips to Host the Holidays without the Headache!

1. Decorate early (or quickly)

If you know you are hosting a holiday celebration at your house, you'll want it to look as festive as possible! But

holiday decorating can be a big task that takes a lot of time. If possible, start early so you don't feel rushed. But if time is not on your side and you need to get the house ready within a tight schedule, just focus on a few key items to set the mood. If you're hosting Thanksgiving dinner, focus on your table settings and decor. If it's Christmas, just make sure to get the tree up and hang some stockings. Once a few main elements are in place, you can relax and only add more décor if you have the time.

2. Delegate duties

Trying to do it all is a good way to get yourself overwhelmed. Be sure to delegate what you can and don't try to take on every responsibility by yourself. Take your most daunting task and ask someone for help. From decorating, to cooking, or just putting the plan in place, your friends and family will likely be eager to lend a helping hand wherever they can.

3. Hire professionals

Don't overlook the possibility of hiring professionals for certain aspects of the party planning process. You may not want to splurge on an event planner for a family holiday, but you can certainly hire out for stages of the process. Hire someone to come deep-clean your house, contract a caterer for dinner, and have rental linens and tableware delivered to your house to cut down on setup as well as cleanup.

4. Think ahead

Even if you love planning and hosting events, cleaning up can be one of the biggest hassles. Think ahead during the planning process to save yourself some of the post-party stress. If you are hosting a meal, plan early and rent your dishware, flatware, and glassware. You can coordinate a perfectly festive look and you get to skip doing the dishes entirely. Table linens and napkins can also be rented in small quantities, so you can take laundry off your to-do list.

Opening presents can also cause a big mess, so put trash bins or bags out around the room before everyone starts ripping into the wrapping. You can also put a receptacle nearby for reusable gift bags.

5. Make space for kids

Keep the kids busy and reduce your stress by having a space specially prepared for your younger guests. Load up a child-sized table with games and activities to entertain them until dinnertime. Then when it's time to serve up the food, help them clear the table, throw on a table linen and drop some place settings. They will enjoy having their own space for play and for mealtime and cleanup will be much simpler without those surprise messes throughout the whole house.

Products pictured: [Walnut Stained Farm Style Table](#), [Cross Back Chair](#), [Lacquered Faux Marble Charger](#), [Victoria Dinner Plate](#), [Lucca Ivory Salad Plate](#), [Presley Flatware](#), [Caprice Fig Runner](#), [Burgundy Polyester Napkin](#), [Navy Polyester Napkin](#), [Smoke Dixie Goblet](#), [Sonoma Red Wine Glass](#), [Sonoma Champagne Glass](#), [Khaki Polyester Tabledrape](#), [Caprice Tangerine Runner](#), [Lace Cream Sash](#), [Burst Silver Charger](#), [Lucca Ivory Dinner Plate](#), [Kate Salad Plate](#), [Lucca Ivory Bread and Butter Plate](#), [Royce Silver Flatware](#), [Bubble Water Goblet Clear](#), [Ledge Wine Glass](#), [Belle Champagne Glass](#), [Satin Fig Napkin](#), [Linen Persimmon Napkin](#), [Caprice Navy Tabledrape](#), [Olivia Blue Runner](#), [Round Light Wicker Charger](#), [Charleston Dinner Plate](#), [Charleston Salad Plate](#), [Linen Robin's Egg Napkin](#), [Brick Polyester Napkin](#), [Emma Water Goblet](#), [Belle Wine Glass](#), [Charleston Bread and Butter Plate](#), [Lucca Grey Chop Plate](#), [Cognac Luster Dinner Plate](#), [Lucca Grey Salad Plate](#), [Latte Polyester Tabledrape](#), [Contempo Scarlet Napkin](#), [Cabo Marigold Napkin](#), [Fiddle Flatware](#), [Amber Dixie Goblet](#), [Brandy Snifter 6 oz](#), [Cardinal Polyester Runner](#), [Harvest Oatmeal Tabledrape](#), [Lacquered Distressed Wood Charger](#), [Contempo Cappuccino Napkin](#), [Mason Jar](#), [Beer Pilsner Glass](#).

Looks We Love | Halloween

Depending on the type of Halloween celebration you are planning, your decor may vary from spooky to cutesy – or may even evolve into something else entirely with a themed party. Check out the photos above for some of our favorite Halloween looks for this year.

Products pictured: [Black Satin Tabledrape](#), [Manhattan White Overlay](#), [Round Lacquered Black Charger](#), [Rio Ruby Dinner Plate](#), [Ritz Dinner Plate](#), [Tiffany Plate](#), [Red Satin Napkin](#), [Smith Flatware](#), [Black Benson Goblet](#), [Ledge Balloon Wine Glass](#), [Ledge Champagne Glass](#), [Zipp Licorice Napkin](#), [Black Satin Napkin](#), [Organza Spiderweb Overlay](#), [Loden Polyester Tabledrape](#), [Chrome Bird Nest Bread Basket](#), [Walnut Stained Farm Style Table](#), [Satin Orchid Runner](#), [Black Sequins Runner](#), [Grace Silver Glass Charger](#), [Ritz Salad Plate](#), [Sage Polyester Napkin](#), [Satin Fig Napkin](#), [Fiddle Flatware](#), [Smoke Dixie Goblet](#), [Sonoma Red Wine Glass](#), [Sonoma Champagne Glass](#), [Caprice Mango Runner](#), [Ava Blush Charger](#), [Faye Dinner Plate](#), [Cognac Luster Salad Plate](#), [Charleston Bread and Butter Plate](#), [Burgundy Polyester Napkin](#), [White Benson Goblet](#), [Leyton Loveseat](#), [Austin Cocktail Table](#), [Charcoal Brigette Pillow](#), [Blush Brigette Pillow](#), [Long Drink](#), [Molly Runner](#), [Walnut Stained Farm Style Round Table](#), [Round Beaded Platinum Charger](#), [Lucca Ivory Salad Plate](#), [Sprinkle Ivory Runner](#), [Belle Wine Glass](#), [Belle Champagne Glass](#), [Bronze Tree Cupcake Stand](#), [Satin Fuchsia Napkin](#), [Scroll Flatware](#), [Black Chiavari Chairs](#).

Color Story | Something Blue in the Reception

Still need your “something blue”? It doesn’t have to be something you carry or wear – incorporate it into your reception decor! From cornflower to navy, blue can be a striking wedding color to showcase on your reception tables, cocktail tables, or bar. It meshes well with many different styles, so don’t be afraid to experiment until you find a look you love! Check out the photos above for some ideas on how to put “something blue” into your reception.

Products pictured: [Ivory Polyester Tabledrape](#), [White Chiavari Chair](#), [White Organza Chair Sash](#), [Empire Champagne Glass](#), [Sonoma Red Wine Glass](#), [Sonoma Water Goblet](#), [Parker Flatware](#), [Round Beaded Gold Charger](#), [Lucca Ivory Dinner Plate](#), [Charleston Salad Plate](#), [Linen Nut Napkin](#), [Delilah Cloud Oversized Runner](#), [Dolce Slate Blue Runner](#), [Ledge Champagne Glass](#), [Ledge Wine Glass](#), [Peacock Dixie Goblet](#), [Metal Geo – Diamond](#), [Small Gold Mercury Votive](#), [Gold Candlestick](#), [Walnut Stained Farm Style Table](#), [Gold Chiavari Chair](#), [Caprice Navy Chair Sash](#), [Nova Flatware](#), [Lacquered Faux Marble Charger](#), [Lucca Grey Dinner Plate](#), [Lucca Grey Salad Plate](#), [Belle Water Glass](#), [Belle Wine Glass](#), [Belle Champagne Glass](#), [Caprice Navy Tabledrape](#), [Lacquered Distressed Wood Charger](#), [Fiddle Flatware](#), [Bistro Dinner Plate](#), [Bistro Salad Plate](#), [Linen Butter Napkin](#), [Fairmont Banana Overlay](#), [Cross Back Chairs](#), [Cobalt Rimmed Old Fashioned](#), [Pint Glass](#), [Sonoma White Wine](#), [Satin Champagne Tabledrape](#), [Round Light Wicker Charger](#), [Linen Indigo Napkin](#), [Charleston Dinner Plate](#), [Smith Flatware](#).

How To | Throw a Co-Ed Baby Shower

Everyone loves to celebrate a little one on the way, so there's no reason to restrict a baby shower guest list to women only! Co-ed baby showers are becoming more popular these days, but how do you evolve the décor and activities to match? It can still be challenging to plan a baby shower that isn't over-the-top cutesy and girly, especially if you are expecting a little girl. Check out the tips below for some ideas on how to throw a co-ed baby shower that everyone will enjoy.

Decor

When choosing decor, remember that while you are celebrating the arrival of a baby, this particular party is for the adults, and it is for men as well as women. Instead of decorating it in line with how you would a kid's birthday party, think more along the lines of a wedding. Keep the décor classy instead of cutesy. If you still want to stick with traditional pink or blue color schemes, try just toning down the bright nursery colors to more "adult" versions, like burgundy or navy. You can also add a masculine edge to softer color palettes by incorporating metallic hues, like copper and gunmetal silver.

Food

When thinking about a menu, keep in mind that the guys at your party probably won't be satisfied with finger foods alone. If your shower is going to be around a meal time, be sure to offer a main course that will please everyone. Look into catering options or see if you can commission a couple friends and family to help cook up big batches of food.

Drinks

In most cases, the key to making sure the guys have a good time is to serve some good drinks. Try to have enough beer, wine, and maybe one or two cocktail ingredients on hand, plus a selection of non-alcoholic beverage options for any moms-to-be, designated drivers, and non-drinkers. Stock juice and soda for some refreshing mocktails, and of course the staples like water, tea and lemonade.

Games

Traditional baby shower games may be on their way out of style in general, but especially with a co-ed crowd. Activities are always a plus, but keep it simple and don't try to force the "fun." Provide some casual lawn games and if you still want to have a big group activity, think about games that are easy to participate in and not too cheesy, like trivia or fill-in-the-blanks.

Gifts

With a co-ed baby shower, it's important to put the focus on the dad-to-be as well as the mom. This means you should open all your gifts together, so make sure to have seating set up for the both of you. Ask a friend to sit nearby and take notes for your thank you cards. Having another person on hand to help bring gifts to mom and dad and stash all the unwrapped goodies will do wonders in making sure gifts don't get lost or accidentally tossed in the trash.

Favors

Everyone probably has enough mini bottles of bubbles, and the guys at your shower likely won't appreciate a bottle of nail polish as a favor. If you are going to give out favors to your guests, make sure it is something functional that both men and women can appreciate. Baked goods, mini bottles of alcohol, custom BBQ spice rubs, or even lottery scratcher tickets can

be simple and inexpensive favors that won't go immediately in the junk drawer.

Products pictured: [Faye Chop Plate](#), [Lucca Ivory Dinner Plate](#), [Charleston Salad Plate](#), [Linen White Tabledrape](#), [Burgundy Polyester Napkins](#), [Taupe Polyester Napkins](#), [Presley Flatware](#), [Beer Pilsner Glass](#), [Belle Wine Glass](#), [Belle Water Goblet](#), [Sprinkle Blush Runner](#), [Copper Organza Overlay](#), [Mahogany Chiavari Chair](#), [Navy Polyester Tabledrape](#), [Delilah Cloud Oversized Runner](#), [Round Beaded Platinum Charger](#), [Lucca Grey Dinner Plate](#), [Kate Salad Plate](#), [Satin Fig Napkin](#), [Metro Flatware](#), [Copper Mug](#), [Stemless Wine Glass](#), [Sonoma Champagne Glass](#), [Gunmetal Dining Chair](#), [Navy Polyester Runner](#), [Round Light Wicker Charger](#), [Maui Ocean Glass Salad Plate](#), [Madison Flatware](#), [Teal Bubble Water Goblet](#), [Pina Colada Glass](#), [White Lantern](#), [Copper Hammered Chafer with Wrought Iron Base](#), [Cube Reservation Stand](#), [Taupe Polyester Tabledrape](#), [Brigette Bench](#), [Burgundy Polyester Tabledrape](#), [White Round Cupcake Stand](#). Contributing photos by Derek Nguyen and Ray Santiago.

Color Story | Pumpkin-Inspired Color Palettes

With fall officially underway, get ready to see pumpkins everywhere! From the jumbo orange jack-o-lanterns to the smaller white varieties, and even some with shades of green or blue, pumpkins offer much more color inspiration than you might think. Check out the photos above for some of our favorite Pumpkin-Inspired Color Palettes.

Products pictured: [Satin Ivory Tabledrape](#), [Caprice Tangerine Runner](#), [Round Beaded Gold Charger](#), [Lucca Ivory Dinner Plate](#), [Jane Gold Salad Plate](#), [Royce Gold Flatware](#), [Burgundy Polyester Napkin](#), [Fizz Carrot Napkin](#), [Empire Water Goblet](#), [Empire Wine Glass](#), [Empire Champagne Glass](#), [Cornflower Polyester Tabledrape](#), [Grace Silver Glass Charger](#), [Lucca Grey Salad Plate](#), [Linen Tangerine Napkin](#), [Orange Polyester Napkin](#), [Royce Silver Flatware](#), [Belle Wine Glass](#), [Belle Champagne Glass](#), [Peacock Dixie Goblet](#), [Navy Polyester Runner](#), [Black and White Check Tabledrape](#), [Round Light Wicker Charger](#), [Charleston Dinner Plate](#), [Charleston Salad Plate](#), [Charleston Bread and Butter Plate](#), [Brick Polyester Napkin](#), [Toffee Polyester Napkin](#), [Fiddle Flatware](#), [Sonoma Red Wine](#), [Sonoma Champagne Glass](#), [Linen Terracotta Tabledrape](#), [Burlap Runner](#), [Georgia Ivory Runner](#), [Sophie Dinner Plate](#), [Parker Flatware](#), [Long Drink](#), [Ledge Wine Glass](#), [Linen Natural Tabledrape](#), [Everly Bronze Runner](#), [Linen Persimmon Napkin](#), [Linen Indigo Napkin](#), [Presley Flatware](#).

Looks We Love | Mix and Match Runners

Runners offer a unique opportunity to introduce many different colors, patterns, and textures to your table. Create contrast by layering runners and getting creative with your combinations!

Mix and Match: Colors

While combining complementary colors isn't exactly a new idea, try pairing a brightly colored runner with a more neutral

linen, or mix two bright hues in the center of your tables for a bold statement. Layered napkins can add to the dual-toned look as well.

Mix and Match: Patterns

Don't be intimidated by patterns, or by combining them! Either with another patterned linen, or with a coordinating solid color, providing a contrast can help emphasize the pattern you choose.

Mix and Match: Textures

More than just the material, you can create texture with the way you style a runner on your table. A ruched or ruffled runner brings dimension as well as texture to a table, while a contrasting solid or flat runner can either help it stand out, or tone it down.

When it comes to creating contrast with a mix-and-match style, the best way to find the right look for your event is to experiment with your options and get creative! So don't be afraid to come into any of our showrooms to see our entire selection and to try different looks until you find the one you love.

Products pictured: [Dolce Slate Blue Runner](#), [Delilah Oversized Runner – Pebble](#), [Round Beaded Gold Charger](#), [Parker Flatware](#), [Lucca Ivory Dinner Plate](#), [Charleston Salad Plate](#), [Smoke Dixie Goblet](#), [Ledge Champagne Glass](#), [Ledge Wine Glass](#), [Linen Nut Napkin](#), [Metal Geo – Oblong](#), [Child's 48" Round Table](#), [Lavender Polyester Tabledrape](#), [Satin Orchid Runner](#), [Manhattan Olive](#)

[Overlay](#), [Maui Clear Dinner Plate](#), [Metro Flatware](#), [Kensington Aubergine Napkin](#), [Olive Bubble Goblet](#), [Child's Chair – White](#), [Walnut Stained Farm Style Round Table](#), [Linen Sea Green Runner](#), [Borgata Shell Runner](#), [Purple Polyester Napkin](#), [Zipp Licorice Napkin](#), [Black Benson Water Goblet](#), [6 oz. Martini Glass](#), [Sonoma Red Wine Glass](#), [Maui Grape Charger](#), [Maui Clear Salad Plate](#), [Maze Clay Runner](#), [Kalvin Dinner Plate](#), [Kalvin Salad Plate](#), [Linen Sea Green Napkin](#), [Stemless Wine Glass](#), [Sonoma Iced Beverage Glass](#), [Smith Flatware](#), [Gunmetal Dining Chairs](#), [Delilah Oversized Runner – Blush](#), [Elsa Glass Charger](#), [Gabrielle White Napkin](#), [Diana Dinner Plate](#), [Sonoma Champagne Glass](#), [Light Grey Polyester Tabledrape](#), [Lace Cream Runner](#), [Georgia Ivory Runner](#), [Bistro Dinner Plate](#), [Frayed Grey Napkin](#), [Fiddle Flatware](#), [Belle Water Glass](#), [Belle Wine Glass](#), [Belle Champagne Glass](#), [Walnut Stained Farm Style Table](#), [Delilah Oversized Runner – Cloud](#), [Gold Polyester Runner](#), [Linen Butter Napkin](#), [Seersucker Yellow Napkin](#), [Jane Gold Dinner Plate](#), [Lucca Grey Salad Plate](#), [Sonoma Water Glass](#), [Lindsey Ice Blue Overlay](#), [Nova Flatware](#), [Glass Plain Gold Rim Charger](#), [Diana Salad Plate](#), [Cerulean Polyester Napkin](#), [Empire Champagne Glass](#).

Color Story | Rosé All Day

Rosé wines are a treasure trove of color inspiration! With hues ranging from blush to mauve, every color on the rosé spectrum deserves to have its time in the spotlight. Check out the photos above for some ideas on how to incorporate colors inspired by everyone's favorite pink wine!

Products pictured: [Draper Sofa](#), [Brigitte Pillow – Blush](#),

Monroe Ottoman – Mauve, Faux Marble Tray, Element Side Table, Linen Stone Tabledrape, Lindsey White Runner, Glass Plain Gold Rim Charger, Nova Flatware, Ledge Balloon Wine, Sonoma Iced Beverage, Sonoma Champagne, Bistro Dinner Plate, Lauren Plate, Linen Rose Napkin, Linen Sea Green Napkin, Felicity Settee, Mr. Pillow, Mrs. Pillow, Light Pink Polyester Tabledrape, Ava Blush Charger, Lucca Ivory Dinner Plate, Lucca Ivory Salad Plate, Royce Silver Flatware, Emma Wine, Emma Water, Emma Champagne, Linen Pink Napkin, Satin Mauve Napkin, Sprinkle Blush Runners, Norden Bar, Caprice Tangerine Runner, Organza Fuchsia Overlay, Pink Dixie Goblet, Glass Beverage Dispenser – 4 Gallon, Caprice Marine Tabledrape, Burst Gold Charger, Walnut Stained Farm Style Round Table, Dolce Slate Blue Runner, Elsa Glass Charger, Metro Flatware, Maui Clear Dinner Plate, Charleston Salad Plate.