

# FALL ENTERTAINING

## THE DIGEST: PARTY WORKBOOK EDITION



### THE INVITE

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**picks:** Paper Source's colorful  
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### THE MUSIC

Chicago lost a favorite musical son, house music godfather Frankie Knuckles, this year. DJ KEL-WIN, Kelwin Harris, says don't forget Frankie on your party playlist this season. Two to try:

- 1 "FOREVER CAME TODAY (Frankie Knuckles Night Antics Remix)" by Jackson 5
- 2 "BLIND (Frankie Knuckles Remix)" by Hercules & Love Affair

### THE BAR

**WHAT YOU NEED:** A compact, portable bar that lets guests help themselves. "It takes five minutes to set up," says creative director Tereasa Surratt, proprietor of Camp Wandawega in Elkhorn, Wis.

#### BUILD IT:

1. Bring together two decanters, a couple bottles of liquor, a bottle of soda, glasses, ice bucket and tongs, cocktail napkins. Add vintage touches: Cocktail stirrers, jiggers, and glassware, which you can keep or send home with guests as a party favor.
2. Arrange atop a vintage suitcase (which adds more height than a tray).
3. Post-party, pack your bar into the suitcase, which you can leave on display. If you're going to a friend's, pack the bar in the suitcase, and make it a hostess gift.

**PLACE IT:** Set up your bar in a spot that's out of the main traffic flow. Finding it lets guests explore, and they'll have room to linger and chat while mixing a drink.

**FIND IT:** Need old stuff to assemble your vintage-chic bar?

- **Souvenir glasses and bar tools** — Brimfield (brimfieldus.com)
- **Bar tools, hotel silver and servers** — P.O.S.H. (poshchicago.com)
- **Suitcases** — Edgewater Antique Mall (edgewaterantiquemall.com)

#### DRINK IT:

Stock your bar with ingredients for a few simple drinks, rather than aiming for fully-stocked overload.

