



"You have to think about convenience. I like to do my birthday party at **BG Restaurant at Bergdorf Goodman** because I think that Kelly Wearstler space is just so chic, but also in the holiday season it's hard for people to run uptown then downtown. You have to keep it practical and choose something in the middle."





"For the invitations and place cards, there's a wonderful calligrapher named **Glorie Austern** of the **Calligraphy Company**. She has a broad range of styles and designs them to reflect the event. Of course, my own personal style is a little swirly, old worldy, and elegant." (201-866-1985)



"I use monogrammed cocktail napkins from my friend Jane Scott Hodges at **Leontine Linens** in New Orleans."
(Davis monogram cocktail napkin on white linen, \$45 each; leontinelinens.com)



"I use an oversize **William Yeoward** wineglass called the Olympia Burgundy (\$76; williamyeowardcrystal.com) for cocktails. It's literally 11 inches tall. When you come over, you have a big drink and you have one big drink. Of course, if you want more, you can have more, but you don't spend your time constantly refilling a glass. I serve a



“At a birthday party, of course, the cake is very important. **Lady M.** makes a crepe cake with whipped cream, which is divine (Lady M. Mille Crepes, \$40 for 6” and \$75 for 9”; ladym.com). If you’re hosting a cocktail party, on the other hand, people always want a little nibble or snack. I’m a huge fan of William Poll for hors d’oeuvres



"At home I use **Flowers by Zezé** (\$250; zezeflowers.com)—my favorites are garden roses or peonies—but when I entertain outside of the house I go to **David Monn**, who will create a whole atmosphere." (davidmonn.com).



"I collect blue-and-white porcelain, so I have a lot of antique Chinese serving pieces. With those I use Canton dinner plates from **Mottahedeh**. They go in the dishwasher; if one breaks, it's not the end of the world. I have 60 of them. They're an easy thing to use, and they look pretty." (\$55 each; mottahedeh.com)
