

PARTY HEARTY

A DUDE FROM DALLAS TELLS YOU HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SHINDIG.

"America's Sassiest Lifestyle Guru,"

Steve Kemble, is a staple of the Dallas party scene, planning some of the most elaborate events in town (and across the country). We asked the out Kemble, who appears on TLC's new show *Sheer Dallas*, to offer a few hints for throwing the perfect party.

Name three key ingredients for throwing a good party when money is no object.

1. **The guest list!** Carefully mix it up, creating just the right balance between friends and acquaintances.
2. **The location!** Pick a distinctive location: a fabulous rooftop, an uninhabited island, a yacht, etc.
3. **The unexpected!** If you are doing a jungle-themed event, bring in elephants for guests to ride. (I have actually done this!)

Name three key ingredients when you are on a budget.

1. **Color!** Ask your guests to dress in a hot and saucy color. You will be amazed with the fabulous look and energy this gives your party!
2. **A signature drink!** Serve a drink such as a Snow in Tokyo (Beyoncé's favorite), made with Bailey's, Godiva White Chocolate Liqueur, Kahlúa, and chocolate shavings. Complement this signature drink with a simple beer-and-wine bar.
3. **Ambience!** Candles are the most effective and inexpensive way to do the trick!

What is the biggest mistake a host can make?

Not planning ahead!

What is the craziest request you have gotten when putting a party together?

I was doing a disco-themed event for a Fortune 500 company. The "straight" married VP of marketing asked me to hire this particular male stripper to be a dancer. During the event I was informed by some of the VP's colleagues that the stripper was actually the VP's boyfriend! I was mortified, especially since his wife was at the event!

What is the best day of the week to throw a party?

Thursday is my favorite. With proper notice your guests can plan for a relaxed Friday and appreciate the fact that you are not taking away from their weekend. Jeffrey Epstein

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