

PUNCH IT UP!

Nothing is prettier than a colorful punch. You can serve one of the following recipes at your bridal shower, rehearsal party, or wedding reception. Accent the pretty punch bowl with floating fruit or blossoms.

GREAT WEDDING PUNCH

2 liter ginger ale, chilled
2 liter club soda, chilled
1 bag frozen strawberries and 1 bag frozen raspberries, blended
1 can frozen lemonade
1 can frozen raspberry grape juice
1 quart frozen sherbet

Add all ingredients except sherbet and stir. Add sherbet and let it melt. Add alcohol if desired. About 40 servings.



PINK CHAMPAGNE PUNCH

2 cans (6 oz) cranberry juice concentrate
2 cans (6 oz.) pink lemonade concentrate
1 bottle (4/5 qt.) chilled burgundy wine
1 quart club soda, chilled
2 bottles pink champagne, chilled
Ice cubes (plain or fancy)

In a large punch bowl, combine the cranberry juice concentrate, lemonade concentrate, burgundy wine, club soda, and champagne. Add ice cubes. Serve. For about 35 punch cup servings.

WEDDING FRUIT PUNCH

4 cups sugar
2 quarts water
16 oz. frozen orange juice concentrate
2 (16 oz.) cans frozen lemonade concentrate
2 (64 oz) cans pineapple juice
72 oz. ginger ale, chilled

Boil the sugar in the water until it is completely dissolved. Add the concentrates, stirring until mixed after each one. Stir in the pineapple juice. Chill for 2 hours or overnight. Add alcohol if desired. About 50 one-cup servings.

FRESH FLOWER/HERB BLOSSOM ICE CUBES

Dress up your drinks or punch with these beautiful and romantic ice cubes featuring blossoms from the garden! Perfect for afternoon parties, cocktail events, bridal showers, and wedding receptions.

Pink or red rose petals will enhance any drink, and can also be sprinkled on the table and over desserts for a romantic effect. Or, use fresh herbs.

Flowers and leaves that are suitable include: Scented geraniums, nasturtiums, violets, rose petals, pansies, lavender, basil, chive/leek/onion/garlic blossoms, and most flowers from edible herbs, such as basil, oregano or thyme.

Note: Boiling the water before freezing will ensure that the ice cubes are crystal clear.

Another idea is to freeze a strawberry (or other berry), mint leaves, or lemon or lime wedges into the ice cubes.