

CREATE A PARTY-READY

DRINK STATION

You don't need to carve out a ton of square footage to create a proper bar. (It's all about moderation, right?) This small batch of staples should get the party started.

FIGURE 1

Raise a Glass—Just One Glass

There's glassware for red wine and white wine and dark beer and...you get the idea. But a humble tumbler is a versatile vessel for almost anything.



Hobnail Tumbler, \$6; pier1.com
Arabella Tumbler, \$29; juliska.com
Thistle Rose, \$20; fishseddy.com

FIGURE 2

Chill Out

A compact beverage refrigerator (\$1,495; kingsbottle.com) is a convenient way to keep drinks cool, but the simple ice bucket doubles as a cute catchall for nut shells and used cocktail stirrers when it's not iced up.



NAVY POLKA DOT \$40; mricebucket.com
ROPE \$98; houzz.com



GALVANIZED \$26; sugarboandco.com
LIBERTY PRINT \$88; loveandvictory.com



A PENNY SAVED...

Artwork doesn't have to be expensive. Frame matchbooks from your favorite haunts or display wine corks from sentimental celebrations (custom framing; larsonjuhl.com).

Win this mini fridge!
 See page 6 for details.

FIGURE 3

Embrace the Bar Cart

Open shelving, backed by distressed mirrored glass (prices vary; mirror-tique.com), provides the perfect perch for the tools of the trade, but these wheels, all under \$200, will come in handy too.



Antiqued Bronze and Veneer Bar Cart, \$197; wayfair.com



Green Wood Bar Cart, \$177; wildorchidquilts.net



Gold Metal & Glass Serving Cart, \$105; houzz.com



Lavender Metal Serving Cart, \$130; allmodern.com

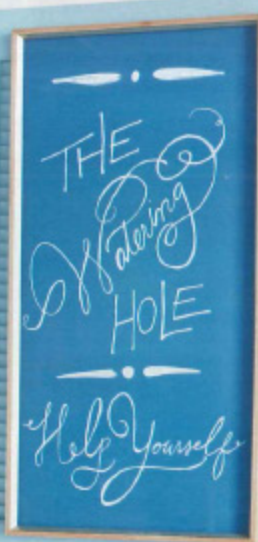


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HOME REMEDY

For a custom "open for business" sign, paint the back side of a framed sheet of glass the color of your choosing, then write on the opposite side with a chalk dry-erase marker.

HOW-TO

Skirt Away Your Issues

Keep the less decorative elements of your bar behind a no-sew fabric curtain (Mughal Flower Monsoon; lisafinetextiles.com). For a gathered look, use a piece of fabric that's twice as wide as the area you're covering.



STEP ONE
 Fold under the side edges of fabric 1/4" and iron flat. Then fold under 1/4" again and adhere with 1/4" Stitch Witchery. Repeat with second side.



STEP TWO
 Fold under the top and bottom 1/4" and iron flat. Fold under 1/4" again and adhere with Stitch Witchery.



STEP THREE
 Fold the top edge down 1/2" and adhere the bottom portion of fold with Stitch Witchery to create channel for curtain rod.



STEP FOUR
 Feed the curtain rod through the channel, install, then toast your work with a drink!