

Non-alcoholic beverages provide flavorful and thoughtful alternative at holiday parties

As the holidays approach, it's time to think about getting together with old friends... and meeting new ones. It's a season of joy and celebration.

For many of us, celebration means entertaining. Whether it's a large tree trimming party or just a close group of friends getting together for drinks, the holiday season is the perfect time to entertain.

When it's your turn to give the party, why not offer some delicious non-alcoholic beverages along with the classic drinks? Your alternative drinks can be pleasing, no alcohol versions of the old favorites. They can also be something new that will soon become an "old favorite."

Considerate gesture

Guests will appreciate your thoughtfulness in offering them an alternative drink. Whether for health reasons or as a designated driver, more people than ever have limited their alcohol intake.

With the help of the "Osterizer" blender, any drink is easy to make... and delicious. The powerful motor can make frosty ice drinks in seconds, and the handy five cup container is the perfect size to serve three or four people at once.

The unique "Pulse" feature offered on "Osterizer" blenders offers controlled cycle blending for perfect results every time. Optional accessories are available to suit your blending needs.

Sure-fire crowd pleasers

Try these non-alcoholic holiday drinks at your next gathering. Tested by Oster's Professional Home Economics Staff, they're sure to be crowd pleasers!

CREAMY EGG NOG

4 eggs
¼ cup water

1 cup instant nonfat dry milk powder
5 tablespoons sugar
½ teaspoon rum extract
¼ teaspoon vanilla
Dash nutmeg
12 ice cubes

Put eggs, water, instant nonfat dry milk, sugar, rum extract, vanilla, nutmeg and six ice cubes into Osterizer blender container. Cover and process at LIQUEFY until smooth.

With motor running, remove feeder cap, gradually add remaining ice cubes. Continue processing until smooth.

Pour into cups, sprinkle with additional nutmeg.
YIELD: 4 servings.

COLADA WHIRL

1 cup cream of coconut
1 can (6 ounces) pineapple juice
1 tablespoon milk
1 can (8 ounces) pineapple in own juice
12 ice cubes

Place all ingredients in "Osterizer" blender container. Cover and process at LIQUEFY until smooth.
YIELD: 4-5 servings.

FROSTY STRAWBERRY DAIQUIRI

3 oz. (½ of 6 oz. can) lemonade
1 cup water
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen strawberries in syrup
12 ice cubes
1½ teaspoons sugar (optional)

Place all ingredients in "Osterizer" blender container. Cover and process at LIQUEFY until slushy.
YIELD: 3-4 servings.

CREAMSICLE

1 cup orange juice
1 tablespoon almond extract
1 cup vanilla ice cream
1 package (16 oz.) strawberries in syrup, thawed

Place all ingredients in "Osterizer" blender container. Cover and process at LIQUEFY until smooth.
YIELD: 4 servings.

CAFE BAVARIAN MINT

¼ cup powdered non-dairy coffee creamer
½ cup sugar
¼ cup instant coffee
2 tablespoons powdered baking cocoa
2 hard candy peppermints, broken into several pieces

Put all ingredients into Oster "Mini-Blend" container. Cover and process at LIQUEFY until well blended. Use 1 level tablespoon of mix with 6 ounces boiling water for each cup. Stir well.

If desired, serve with a dollop of whipped cream. For extra mint flavor, serve each mug with a peppermint stick.
YIELD: 14 servings.

SPICY TOMATO COCKTAIL

2 cups tomato juice
1 thin slice lemon peel
1 ½" strip green pepper
1 4" stalk celery, cut in 1" pieces
1 ½" slice cucumber with peel
2 sprigs parsley
½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
¼ teaspoon salt
5-10 drops Tabasco (or to taste)
6 ice cubes

Place all ingredients except ice in Osterizer blender container. Cover and process at LIQUEFY until smooth. Remove feeder cap and add ice. Continue to process until smooth.
YIELD: 3-4 servings.

Tips for holiday shopping by mail

By LILLIAN VERNON

Holiday shopping can — and ought to be a pleasant and satisfying experience. Truth is, very often just the thought of it is enough to make one's nerves stand on end!

Shopping by mail eliminates many of the hassles and tensions associated with Christmas shopping — no crowds to fight, no traffic to contend with, no hours to follow but your own!

In the 34 years I've been in the mail order business, I've learned a lot — from my own experiences and from our customers' correspondence — about how to shop virtually pain-free by mail or phone, and I'd like to share a few ideas with you now.

- Read the descriptions about the items you're interested in ordering very carefully. Make certain you pay special attention to sizes, color choices, dimensions, features, weights, personalization, prices and delivery charges.

If you have any questions, phone the company you're ordering from and ask about the product... that way, there will be no surprises when your order arrives.

- Be sure that the return policy is clearly stated in the advertisement or catalog, and that it is one you're comfortable with. Check to see whether satisfaction is guaranteed.

- Take your time when you're filling out the order form. Be sure that you've provided all information requested and that your handwriting is legible. Before you send your order off, it's a good idea to read it over a second time.

- Don't send cash! Use a check or money order, or charge your order to a major credit card.

- Make a copy of your order as well as a copy of your check or money order. Keep these copies, along with the catalog you



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ordered from, in your files in case you should have to refer to them.

- If it's necessary for you to return merchandise for any reason, be certain to ask the Post Office or the shipping company to provide you with a "return receipt." This document will let you know that your package was delivered to the company, and it will serve as your proof of return.

- Order early! Stocks are most plentiful when you receive a company's advertisements. The longer you wait to order, the larger the risk that the item you want may be sold out.

Holiday mail order shopping is fun, convenient and, if you follow the suggestions above, fool-proof. If you haven't shopped by mail or phone before, I invite you to try it!

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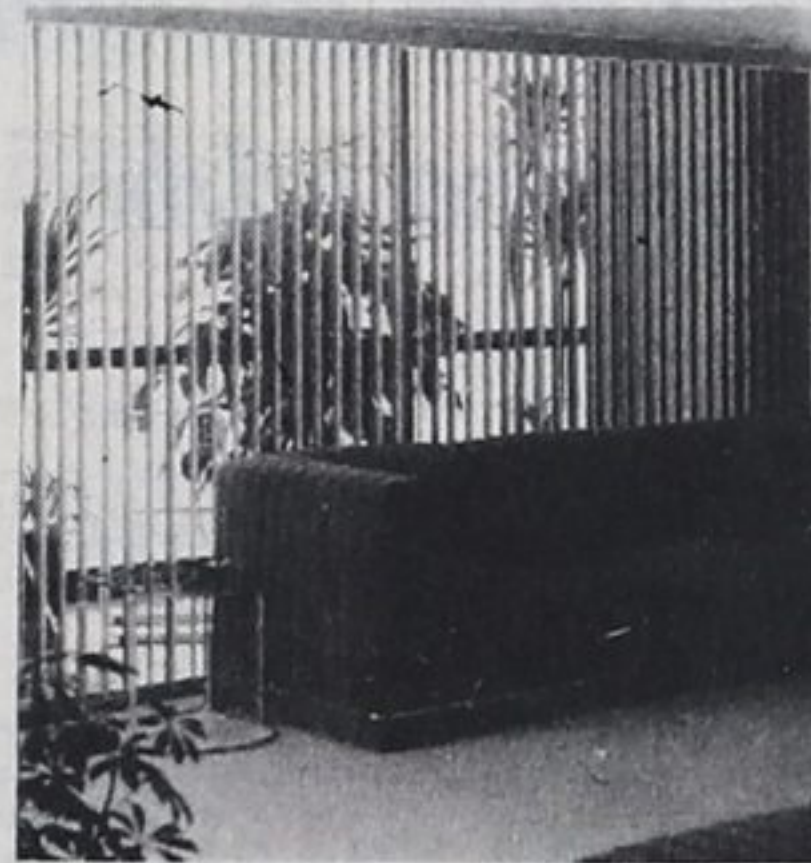
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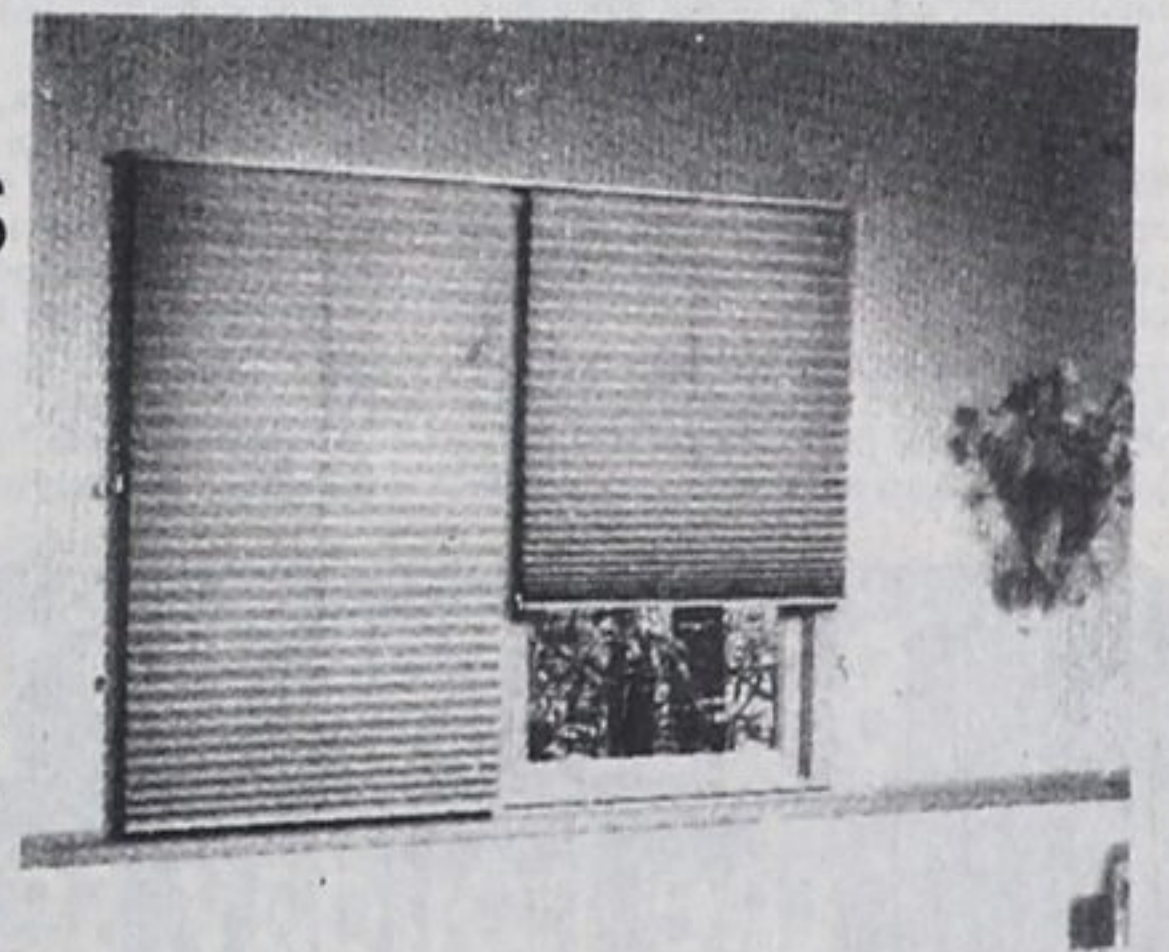
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