

WORLD CUP WATCH PARTY HOSTING CHECKLIST

Planning Your Event (1-2 Months Out)

- Choose the match, date, and start time
- Decide where you'll host (home, backyard, common space, etc.)
- Decide how many people to invite and who (6-12 is ideal)
- Think through seating and viewing setup
- Look through [the recipes](#) to find one or more to make
- Consider testing out the recipe(s) ahead of time so you can pivot if needed
- Familiarize yourself with your other Host Kit resources

Technical Setup

- Confirm how you'll stream or watch the match (*Hulu+, FuboTV, YouTube TV, broadcast channels, FIFA+, etc.*)
- Test the TV/projector, sound, and internet connection (*week of and day of*)
- Have a backup plan (*second device, HDMI cable, alternate app*)
- Turn on captions if helpful for conversation or accessibility (*day of*)

Inviting Guests (3-4 Weeks Out)

- Send personal invites (use the text, email, and flyer templates from your kit)
- Let guests know the vibe is relaxed, fun, and friendly—even if soccer isn't their thing
- Ask guests to RSVP so you can plan food and seating

The Week Of

- Confirm your guest list or anyone you haven't heard from yet
- Send a friendly reminder 1 day before your event
- Print and prep any materials (Bingo cards + pens, [conversation starters](#), bracket, etc.)
- Tidy the main gathering area (no need to deep clean!)
- Finalize food and drinks + grocery shop

Day of the Watch Party

- Pray for the event, your space, and the people attending
- Set up seating so people can see the screen comfortably
- Put food and drinks out where guests can help themselves
- Have the game on **before** guests arrive
- Greet guests as they arrive—especially anyone new
- Enjoy the match and stay present

Hosting Mindset (During the Party)

- Have a basic plan, but also keep things relaxed and flexible
- Let conversations happen naturally
- Avoid pressure or forced moments
- Focus on hospitality, not perfection

After the Event

- Send a quick thank-you message to guests
- Follow up with anyone you connected with more deeply
- Celebrate taking the step to host—well done!

