

# Awkward Agent<sup>®</sup>

## ADULTS, CRAFTS & COCKTAILS (NEIGHBORHOOD)

Calling all crafters. Gather your group for a night of crafting and cocktails. There are a couple of different ways to tackle this event. Either host it at a local DIY party venue or hire an expert to bring supplies and guide your guests step-by-step from the comfort of your own home. For inspiration, check out Pinterest for ideas. Projects may include making handmade soap, creating a string art wall hanging, or a mosaic steppingstone. Provide appetizers and crafty cocktails at your event and watch the creativity flow. If any of the projects need drying time, offer to let your guests pick them up later. This will give you another opportunity to connect and thank them for coming.

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### WHO TO INVITE

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This is a party for the artsy type or wannabee crafter. All you need are participants who enjoy tapping into their creative selves. The best crafting parties are smaller to allow for personal instruction. We recommend keeping your group to under 20 people.

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### TIMING

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Did you know March is National Craft Month? Yes, it's a thing, so consider hosting your Adults, Crafts, and Cocktails event this month. If not, any time of the year works. You can be crafty anytime!

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### VENUE

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Our first choice for this event is to host it at a local DIY party venue. You can find them in most cities and this approach will require the least amount of brain damage. Simply book the spot, send out your invites and show up. They'll provide the instruction and supplies. You can also host this party at your house. If you opt for this approach, consider reaching out to a local craft store and hiring an employee to help. School art teachers can also be a fantastic resource.

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### AGENDA

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To keep your party moving ahead, consider following this agenda.

1. Meet and Greet
2. Icebreaker Activity
3. Project Instruction
4. Work Time
5. Thank You for Coming

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### WHAT YOU NEED

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#### Supplies

Your supply list will ultimately be determined by the project you select. However, here's a list of other supplies you'll need for the party.

- Project sample (create in advance for reference)
- Nametags
- Sharpies
- Aprons
- Appetizer plates
- Napkins
- Butcher paper table covering
- Wine glasses
- Plastic cups
- Centerpiece (floral or balloons)
- Balloon weights (if you have balloons)
- Curling ribbon (for balloons)
- Tape
- Scissors
- Beverage cooler (to keep drinks chilled)
- Bags of ice
- Bottle opener
- Wine opener
- Trash can/recycle bin
- Trash bags
- Drop cloths

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- Paper towels
- Disposable gloves
- Hand wipes
- Sound system/speaker
- Phone or camera (for taking pictures)

## Food & Drink

It's not a party without food and drinks. For your Adults, Crafts & Cocktail Night anything goes. But keep in mind that people are going to be working with their hands so when possible serve appetizers that can be enjoyed off of a toothpick (and those that are just pretty to look at). Here are some easy-to-prepare appetizers for you to consider. Also, be sure to check out Pinterest for more inspiration.

- Antipasto skewers
- Fruit kabobs
- Mini beet salads (on a toothpick)
- Diced apple with cheddar chunks
- Bruschetta
- Pinwheel sandwiches
- Cocktail shrimp
- Chicken satay skewers
- Pesto tortellini skewers
- Mozzarella bites
- Prosciutto wrapped pears with blue cheese
- Red wine
- White wine
- Bottled water
- Craft beer (pun intended)
- Craft cocktails (pun intended)

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## GOOD VIBES ONLY

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### Icebreaker

Help your neighbors get to know each other better by starting off with an icebreaker. Go around a circle and ask the following questions.

- What is your name?
- Are you left brain or right brain?
- What's the best thing you ever made?

### Music

Playing music in the background can help to set the tone for your event. Consider creating a friendly and upbeat playlist ahead of time with music you think your guests will enjoy. Or find a Pandora station to play in the background. Be sure to keep the volume low so the music is not a distraction.

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## HELPFUL TIPS

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### Get the Word Out

We recommend advertising your event with the following:

- "Save the Date" card
- Invitation
- Email
- Text messages
- Personal phone calls

### Collateral

Further promote your personal brand with the following:

- Wine labels
- Water labels
- Beer labels
- Thank you cards

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