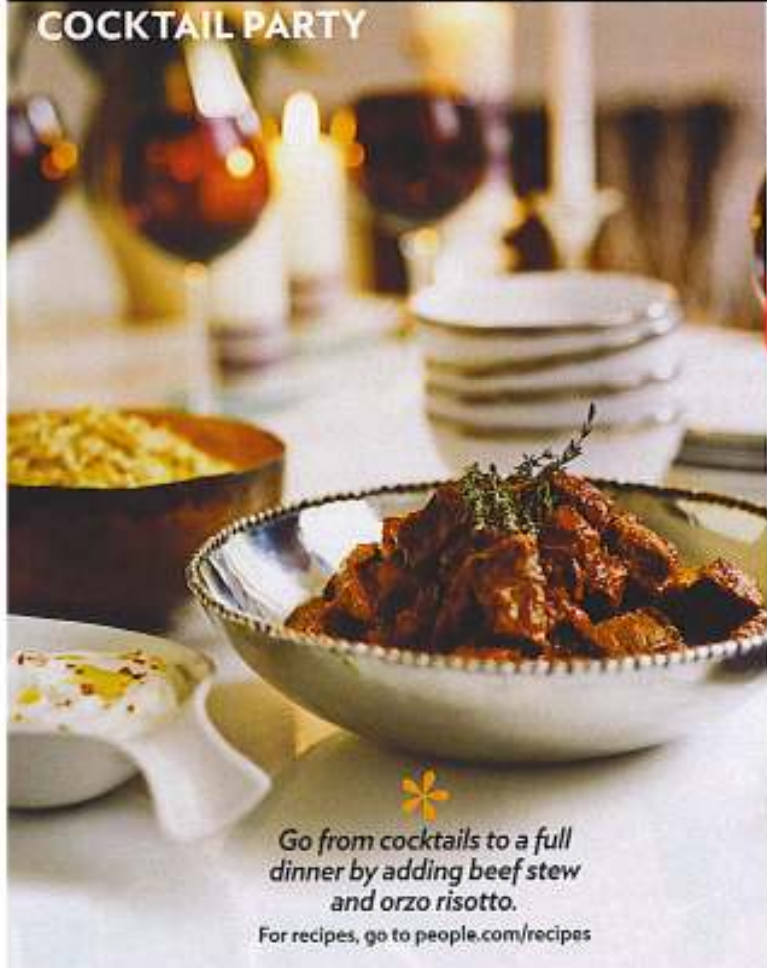


People EXTRA

COCKTAIL PARTY



Go from cocktails to a full dinner by adding beef stew and orzo risotto.

For recipes, go to people.com/recipes

The Playlist

Cowie plucks these favorite CDs for a music mix that's different but still holiday-themed.

1. *Rasa Mello II*, various artists (rasamusic.com)
2. *Rasa Exotica II*, various artists (rasamusic.com)
3. *Christmas remixes*, Holiday
4. *December*, Chris Botti
5. *Buddha Bar IV*, David Visan
6. *Hotel Costas Vol. 6*, Stephane Pompuignac



Biscotti dipped in melted chocolate

QUICK & EASY IDEA

Tray Chic

To liven up the table, Cowie lines picture frames with wrapping paper to create decorative trays. "When you present something on a tray, it becomes more important," he says. "But trays can be expensive. These frames are \$10-\$20 or less. And they can be recycled as gifts."

GREAT SOURCES

- **Picture Frames** Pearl Paint (pearlpaint.com)
- **Wrapping Paper** Pearl Paint (pearlpaint.com)
- **Candles** Jamali Garden Center (212-244-4025) and pierone.com
- **Purple Ribbon** Kate's Paperie (katespaperie.com)
- **Paillettes and Silver Ribbon** M & J Trimming (mjtrim.com)
- **Votive Candleholders** J.C. Penney Colin Cowie Collection (jcpenny.com)
- **Little Penguin Chardonnay** (wine.com)
- **Wineglasses** Crate and Barrel



Purple adds an "unexpected" element to gold and silver decorations.

