

EXCLUSIVE: Kathy Hilton Gives Her Top Tips on Holiday Party Planning



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Kathy Hilton is arguably one of the most glamorous and fabulous hostesses out there. As she explained to CupidsPulse.com in the past, her priorities lie with family and love – but her success in entertaining has made her incredibly popular. With the holiday season quickly approaching, we spoke to the socialite about her party planning skills.

Here are Hilton's top tips for entertaining your friends and family during the holidays:

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1. Do a buffet: Buffets give your guests an extra chance to mingle and meet each other. The designer, mother, and businesswoman suggests playing some light music and allowing guests to serve themselves to set a casual, informal mood. "Introduce people," she says. "Don't assume everyone knows each other. If your guests are comfortable, then you'll be comfortable."

2. Be mindful: Not all of your guests may get along, so it's important that you seat people based on their personal links. "There may be people at your party that aren't speaking," explains the prime hostess. "You have to be aware of that. Everybody likes to have a place to go. Seat interesting people that will have something in common with each other next to each other. Mix things up too. If you have a shy friend, seat them next to someone that can talk to a wall. But be sure to group friends together – I don't like to put people among a group that's composed entirely of strangers. Make it a mixture of old friends and new friends-to-be."

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3. Be prepared: Remember that *anything* could happen. Hilton suggests that you prepare for every situation. "I stop by the convenience store and make baskets to place in the gathering room and in the bathroom," she reveals. "You can fill it with feminine products, band-aids, safety pins, crazy glue, aspirin – anything that someone could possibly need. There's always that one friend that needs something, and you want to be able to help them out without thinking. This tip extends beyond party planning too – Hilton keeps a basket like this one in her guest bedroom at all times."

If you follow these three tips, "you can enjoy yourself without having to worry or stress out," according to the

Hilton family matriarch. Happy party planning!

Hilton currently manages her fashion line, The Kathy Hilton Collection, while assisting in philanthropic ventures, such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Check her out on [Twitter](#) @KathyHilton and www.facebook.com/OfficialKathyHilton for more.

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With New York Fashion Week currently underway, it's fun to

catch up with your favorite celebrities and see how they're participating. During our chat with Kathy Hilton earlier this summer, we spoke to the businesswoman about designing her fashion line and staying inspired.

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Hilton launched The Kathy Hilton Collection in the spring of 2011. This line of dresses offers women high-fashion apparel at reasonable costs. The entrepreneur describes her line as "exquisite evening wear that mixes high society with marketplace prices." She designs her dresses for women of all ages, and the line is available in over 400 fine boutiques and at major retailers – including Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom stores – nationwide and in 28 countries.

Always looking to challenge herself, Hilton will be launching additional lines of handbags and home goods soon. "My collection is a little bit of everything, which is important," she explains. "I don't want people walking in and saying, 'Oh, everything looks the same.'"

This, says the designer, is what made the Kathy Hilton Collection so significant at its onset. Hilton was approached by Mon Cheri CEO Steve Lang after years of run-ins at couture shows in Paris, Milan, and New York, and he asked her to design a dress line. "I was over the moon and excited. It's every girl's dream. Who wouldn't want to design their own fashion line?" she exclaims. "I told him my collection would have to be something that makes sense. I wanted to create something to fill a void. I'm sick of spending over a thousand dollars on a dress. There's nothing out there that's beautiful and affordable, so I decided to make something that doesn't break the bank, something that's timeless and classic – no frills, stones, or lace all over the place."

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What's most important to Hilton's collection, though, is its accessibility. "I want to be able to dress my nieces, my daughters, myself, and my friends – women of all ages and all body types."

While the Kathy Hilton Collection will not be shown at New York Fashion Week, the famous face will still be attending the shows for inspiration. "I think it takes a couple years to be established. It's something to look forward to."

Stay tuned for our final post about Hilton, which will focus on her entertaining tips! In the meantime, you can check her out on Twitter @KathyHilton and www.facebook.com/OfficialKathyHilton.

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Kathy Hilton is no stranger to the spotlight. As a child actor, she played roles on notable programs such as *Happy Days*, *Family Affair*, *The Rockford Files*, and *Bewitched*. Her husband, Richard Hilton, is one of the most high-profile businessmen in the country, and her daughters, Paris and Nicky, have had their share of fame as well. But although you may not see Kathy on the big screen anymore, her life is busier than ever. She works with causes such as Erase MS, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Starlight Children's Foundation. Plus, she designs the Kathy Hilton Collection – “a line of exquisite evening wear for women of all ages that includes an element of high society at affordable prices” – and she does this all while managing a family and keeping her marriage strong.

Life in the public eye can be difficult at times, and maintaining a marriage is just as hard. Hilton met her husband when she was only fifteen years old, and they were married four years later. “We were always together,” she shares. “We grew up together. A lot of people say, ‘Oh, young marriages don't work out.’ I thank the Lord every day – I'm very blessed.”

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After 34 years together, she credits alone time at the start of their marriage for keeping their relationship strong. “We got engaged, and we moved to New York. Having that time alone without *anyone* poking their nose in our business gave us the opportunity to grow. If we had a disagreement, I couldn’t just run home to my parents.”

And cherishing that alone time keeps their marriage going even now. When they’re not balancing their busy careers or hanging out with their four children, they just like being together. “We have date nights all the time,” the businesswoman reveals. “We enjoy the social life with our friends, but sometimes, we’ll both look at each other and go, ‘Honey, I’m peopled out!’ I’ll dress up, and he’ll take me out to dinner, or we’ll spend some time in private.”

The couple will kick off Richard’s birthday – Saturday, August 17th – with some “alone time”: sitting in traffic on their drive to the Hamptons. “We do the same thing every year. We live in Southampton, so we’ll leave from the city. We stop at William Poll Gourmet Foods for sandwiches – they have the best chicken salad with bacon – and pack a picnic to eat while we sit in traffic for nearly three hours.” The family plans to dine at The Palm to celebrate.

Of course, the Hiltons expect to be interrupted at times. “We have our own private life, but as I’ve always told my girls, ‘Anything you sign up for in life, there’s a price.’ There’s always people coming up to say hi or ask to get a picture. It’s fine – sometimes, we’d rather people just come up and say hi than whisper and point.”

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But the family manages the fame well – just as long as they get to be together. Although Paris and Nicky have their own

careers and live on their own, they still spend time with their parents and brothers. “We spend all our holidays together, I cherish it, especially having four children,” the family matriarch shares. “I love nothing more than knowing each of my children are in the same building. When we’re on holiday, we have breakfast, lunch, and dinner together every single day. They’re my kids, no matter what. They’re always gonna be my little babies.”

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