

# Expert Tips

Branden Chapman, the executive producer of the official Grammy afterparty, tells OK!:

1. Create an atmosphere inspired by an artist or song. The video for Janet Jackson's "If" is the inspiration for the entire Grammy Celebration.
2. Spend the majority of your budget on lighting.
3. Create something new — a course or theme — every hour.
4. During commercials, play your favorite music, and after the ceremony, get a DJ.

Pamela Yager, an L.A.-based party planner who organized Jessica Simpson's bachelorette bash, says:

1. Have casual, comfortable seating: Use pillows, bean bags and inflatable chairs.
2. Theme your invites: print laminated backstage party passes for your guests to wear.
3. Play games: Guess the winners with OK!'s Grammy game (see ballot on p. 50).
4. Theme your décor: Use old CDs backed with cork shelf-paper as coasters, and have guests pose with a Justin Timberlake cutout for "red carpet" photos.
5. Serve dishes such as Dixie Chicks Skewers or Red Hot Chili Poppers. Save Ciara's Goodies for dessert.

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