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Designers Conni Newsome and Ashley Larson Eitemiller of C+A Interiors host a New Year's shindig. Photo by Emily Minton Redfield. Art provided by Ann Reidy, Ann Benson Reidy + Associates.

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C+A host an intimate New Year's Eve soiree

It's always swell to attend a party where your hosts embrace the event. We can't think of a duo that does it better. Here, the design team explain their process.

Design by Conni Newsome and Ashley Larson Eitemiller, C+A Interiors cainteriors.net

Food by Keegan Gerhard and Lisa Bailey, D Bar, Denver dbardenver.com

Flowers by The Perfect Petal, Denver thepetfectpetal.com

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▲ ROCK A THEME

Conni was at Gitano, a bar in Tulum, Mexico, that had a massive disco ball hanging above the tree-covered dance floor. "I loved the sexy, rock-and-roll vibe it added to the otherwise Mexican boho atmosphere," she says. "I couldn't get it out of my head, and I knew I wanted to bring that exact vibe back to Colorado with me for my own New Year's party."

She shared this inspiration with her design partner, who immediately approved, and the duo kicked off plans with a seasonal color palette of jewel tones paired with black and white, along with a pile of silver disco balls that gave the boho-glam interiors the perfect pop of "sexy Tulum."



◀ LET THE INVITATION
SET THE TONE

Conni and Ashley took their invitation inspiration from the wonderful *Pret-a-Party* book by Lela Rose. They wanted something that was homemade and indicated the spirit of the party. So the ladies created a tableau and photographed it. Then they sent the image via text message. Everyone is always on their phones these days; why not get an instant message and possibly a quicker RSVP?

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2017

Get out your ties + stilettos
December 31st at Conni + Richard's
7:00 pm All night!!!



◀ BE TRUE TO YOUR SPACE , PART ONE

Conni and Ashley created the party to work organically with the space. They added theme elements to glam up the existing design. Magnolia leaves frame the adobe-style fireplace, which is covered with handmade black-and-white tile from Waterworks. "I have a thing for black-and-white," says Conni. Party macarons and flowers blend with the bespoke sofa by Hempts Furniture with Romo fabric and Classic Cloth pillow fabric; the Joseph Jeup and Jean de Merry chairs are both from John Brooks Inc.



PREPARATION, PREPARATION, PREPARATION

Parties have much in common with yoga poses: It's almost all in the preparation. Once the girls agreed on their theme, they started making a to-do list and worked on the fine details of hosting a fun party. The next step was amassing images that would portray the vision, which would in turn a) help them figure out what else they would need and b) be shared with their catering and floral teams.

◀ TRUST THE PROS

"We know how important it is to hire professionals whose work you love and then talk about what you're hoping to achieve and then trust their creativity," says Conni. "That's why we asked Keegan Gerhard and Lisa Bailey, chef/owners of D Bar in Denver, to help us with the menu and The Perfect Petal to create flower arrangements for the table, the room and the guest room."

"They gave us great direction," says Keegan. "They came to the table with a vision and rich color palette of deep reds, burgundy and golds. (See Keegan and Lisa's menu on p. 67).

◀ A PARTING SOUVENIR

Even grown-ups like goodies to go. The team filled cellophane bags with chocolate and labeled them "Midnight Kisses" as a sweet New Year's send-off.

STOP WORKING, START PRIMING

Because the two are consummate planners, they had everything—drinks, food, dessert—ready 30 minutes before guests arrived so all they needed to do was get dolled up, turn on the music and share a toast.

