

Winter is the perfect time to host a hot chocolate party! This is a fun night of fellowship and chocolate. Be sure to start with a hot chocolate bar—everyone comes in and mixes their favorite hot chocolate! Tips following for a great set up. Share the history of chocolate or watch a great video on how chocolate is made. Conversation prompts are provided to help the women continue to build relationships as they enjoy a mug of chocolate!





hot chocolate bar

• Hot Cocoa (*mix*, *packets*, *K*–*cups*) – try different varieties like dark chocolate, white chocolate, milk chocolate packets

- Marshmallows
- Chocolate chips (or white chocolate chips, butterscotch, peanut butter or toffee)
- Candy canes or Andes Peppermint chips
- Caramel sauce or Kraft Caramel Bits
- Cookies Pepperidge Farm Pirouettes are a nice choice
- Cinnamon
- Finely chopped nuts
- Whipped Cream
- Sprinkles
- Pretty straws or spoons. Here's a link to making chocolate spoons: https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/16112/chocolate-spoons/



conversation starters

What's your favorite hot chocolate memory?

What is your favorite book to read while sipping hot chocolate?

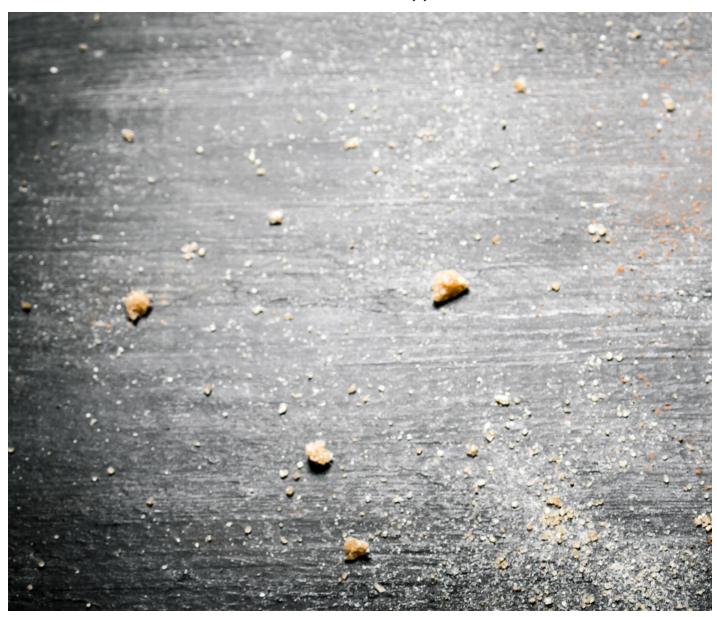
Where is the most unusual or unique place you've enjoyed hot chocolate?

Name five or six 'famous' people with whom you'd love to share hot chocolate and conversation.



chocolate fun facts

- ▲ It takes 400 cocoa beans to make one pound of chocolate.
- **▲** Each cacao tree produces approximately 2,500 beans.
- ▲ Chocolate comes from a fruit tree; it's made from a seed.
- ▲ Most cocoa−70 percent–hails from West Africa.
- ▲ Cocoa is raised by hand, on small, family–owned farms
- ▲ It takes two to four days to make a single–serving chocolate bar.
- ▲ Hershey's Kisses got their name from the kissing sound the machine that deposits the chocolate on the conveyor belt makes.
- ▲ The inventor of the chocolate chip cookie, Ruth Wakefield, sold her cookie recipe to Nestle in exchange for a lifetime supply of chocolate.
- ▲ Chocolate milk is an effective post–workout recovery drink.
- ▲ The Brussels Airport is the biggest chocolate seller in the world, as vendors there sell more than 800 tons of chocolate every year.



scripture and prayer



Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Psalm 34:8

A Chocolate Lover's Prayer

Lord, Thank you for the sweetness of chocolate, for the delicious taste that each bite brings! As I enjoy each little sip or bite, would you help me to consider the sweetness of your love today? Will you help to make my witness sweet and delicious to those I meet? May I take the time to 'taste and see' your goodness in all of life today. AMEN.





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