

Planning Your Child's Birthday Party

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Perhaps you've been to or seen one too many themed children's birthday parties that you're bent on doing the same or topping them for your kid's next one. Themed birthday parties, at first glance, look difficult to pull off successfully, because they seem so intricately done. However, this should not deter you from planning one for your baby. Children's birthday parties can be very easy and fun to organize.



There are two ways you can celebrate a themed party. You either hire a professional planner or you can do it yourself. This article is about DIY children's birthday parties.

When is the best time to have a party?

Since kids cannot stay out and up late, birthday parties are best held in the afternoon, when they are all up and awake and energized. But if you are hosting one for the younger children, you can circumvent the usual nap time by having it at between 10:00 and 11:30 AM.

What should I serve?

Children do not really bother much with the food you serve at a party; at least not in the same way they give attention to the activities you have prepared. You can serve finger food, like hotdogs, marshmallows, and cupcakes - something that's not messy so they do not cut the kids' fun by soiling their clothes.

What's the best theme?

This is relative. It all depends on what's hot as of the moment or what your child is interested in. For instance, if your kid's a girl, you may want a fairy party or a Bratz party; or if a boy, a sports-themed or animal or farmhouse party. These themes aren't always gender exclusive, of course. Your girl baby can have an animal party if she wants to. Again, it all boils down to what would make it more memorable for your child.

Who do I invite?

The kid's friends, naturally, family members, and children of friends whose ages are nearer to your child's. But, hey, it's really your decision. Also, if you're trying to keep only a certain number of guests, it wouldn't hurt to ask for an RSVP or a confirmation.

In sum, the key goal of child birthday party planning is enjoyment. As long as your child is happy and the young guests are having fun, you can say that your efforts are a success. You don't need to go all out to come up with terrific party. Keep it simple, but memorable. Don't break the bank!