

# How To Make Your Child's Birthday Fun & Special !



**Tips, Hints and Suggestions  
To Make the Special Day  
Exciting, Fun & Unforgettable!!!**

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# Games.....

Games are an important part of any children's party! Here are a few ideas for your next bash:

## Balloon Relay Race!!!

Before the party, inflate about three balloons per child. Divide the guests into two teams. Each kiddo runs to a pre-determined point, sits on a balloon, pops it, and runs back to tag the next runner. The first team to pop one balloon per child wins the race.

BE SURE to have prizes for both the winners and second place team. The reason for the extra balloons is to allow a re-run if the kids enjoy it a lot!



## Pin the Tail on the Dinosaur?

Why not update the old classic game and pin a tail on a dinosaur. Just draw the parts yourself- anyone can draw something close to a brontosaurus!

## The Treasure Hunt!!!

Kids really love this game! Hide prizes all around a room or outside and tells the kids to find them. Give them goodie bags to put their loot in and that will save you time filling them yourself! Make sure everyone gets their fair share by making some things very easy to find, especially for the smaller ones.

# Food....



One lesson that parents learn early is that kids eat what they like! Here are some ideas to make what they like even more fun for that special party:

## Pizza!!!

Children love pizza! The easiest way to serve it is to cut it up in bite-size squares.

That way, the smaller children can handle it. And less gets wasted.

## Hot Dog People!!!

This is an easy way to make a hot dog even more appealing. Just cut the wiener along the sides and shape into a person and when you cook it, the dogs will grow arms and legs!

Decorate with ketchup or mustard eyes & mouth.

## Cupcake Cones!!!

Fill flat-bottomed ice cream cones 3/4 full of cake batter, bake, ice and decorate. Easy to serve, eat and NO DISHES!

(The batter rises to fill the cone)

## The Birthday Cake...

I suggest that you buy a small cake, just big enough for the family. Use this to light the candles and sing "Happy Birthday", then serve individual cupcakes to the guests.

By saving the real cake for the family dinner hour, the whole family can share the birthday cake, a much appreciated plus!

## More Tips.....

Tie balloons on your mailbox so that it is easy for your guests and the magician to find the party. Have the birthday child select the colors.

Involve the entire family at the party! Assign duties for each. Perhaps one parent can be in charge of pictures. One of the siblings could hang up coats, another could introduce the magician.

Protect your pets. I suggest that they be placed in a safe area away from the party. This also will help the entertainment if they bring live animals.

Some children play rough, and animals may bite if threatened.

Presents - Opening presents at the party is often a personal family tradition, but when asked, I suggest it be done after everyone has left. This allows you to record each gift and share it as a family.

Also, this prevents lost or broken pieces





## What to do, What to do?

First of all, sit down with the birthday child and discuss what type of party they would like. Theme parties are very popular, and it gives you a good starting point if your child has a particular

interests; like Magic, Pokémon and others. You can buy plates, napkins, games and a cake around a theme. This helps you in planning all of the activities.

Where are you going to have the party? Will this be a home party or would you rather go out and let a restaurant or party place handle the day? Many pizza places offer party rooms and there are lots of children's activity centers designed just for parties.

If you think you would rather leave the clean-up for someone else, you should book this as far in advance as possible to avoid disappointment. The same goes for professional entertainment, book now and get who you really want.

# Hiring a Pro...

There are lots of wonderful children's entertainers out there and here are a few tips in finding the right one:

Ask a lot of questions! Can they personalize their show to match your child's likes and interests? Is the show age appropriate? How Long? What do you offer? Ask for specifics, if they can't tell you about their act, they may just "wing it" each time they have a show. Don't let an amateur ruin your child's special day.

Ask for references and call them!!! Any performer that actually performs should be able to supply you with numbers of past clients.

**Call me!! (330) 323-2087**

## **How to create a party your child will remember forever....**

♥ *Magic show*

♥ *Live Guinea Pig*

♥ *Music*

♥ *Balloons*