

Throwing a Kid Friendly Halloween Party

Description

While plenty of adults love Halloween, let's face it—this holiday is a kids' dream. Between the bottomless candy, dressing up as their favorite superheroes, and trick or treating, kids go nuts for this fun fall fete. Whether your child has a [birthday](#) around this time of year and you want to go with a spooky theme or you simply want to throw a kid-friendly Halloween party, we've got ideas for you.

Cosplay All Day!

[Costumes are key](#) when it comes to Halloween, so make sure you make it a costume party! Of course, you'll have to expect the party poopers but many people will enjoy coming as their alter ego. You could even consider giving it a more specific theme, like a super hero party or "come as your favorite movie/TV character." Consider adding an incentive by offering up a prize for best costume. Remember those party poopers we talked about? They might not come in costume but hopefully they'll at least be in keeping with the holiday by wearing some super cute [Halloween leggings](#).

Deck the Halls (and Other Rooms) With Decorations

Halloween decorations are the best, and so easy! From spooky hanging spiders and fake spider webs to skeletons and faux graveyards, the sky is the limit when it comes to decorating for Halloween. Spooktacular decorations abound in most stores, but there are plenty of DIY options, too. When it comes to this, Pinterest is your friend. And, whether you go with something as simple as homemade hanging ghosts or as elaborate as these glowing spooky friends to put on your lawn, decorations go a long way in creating the mysterious mood.

Of course, the simplest and likely least expensive way to decorate is to add a bunch of carved pumpkins. If the party is at night, tea lights within them will illuminate the designs and set the tone. Better yet, have your guests carve them (with kid-friendly carving tools, of course!), and offer a prize for the best design. And, if you know anything about kids, there had better be a piñata; buy a [Halloween-themed piñata from Pinatas.com](#). Consider mixing in some toys as prizes, as we all know kids will be getting plenty of sugar elsewhere!

If you're sending them on their journey home with party favors, creative ideas abound. Fill bags with candy corn, nail polish in fun Halloween colors, and maybe some individual floss packets to have to protect those teeth from all that sugar intake.

Fire up the Festive Food

Although the main dish at kids' parties—Halloween or not—should be fairly simple due to their many picky palates, there are plenty of ways to get creative with appetizers and desserts. From spider cupcakes and non-alcoholic witches' brew to [mini hot dog mummies](#) and the uber creepy [dead man's finger sandwiches](#), there are so many fun Halloween food options for kids. Of course, if you're concerned about the healthiness of the food, consider banana ghosts and tangerine

pumpkins!

Ghoulish Games Shall Abound

No proper party for a kid should go on without games. While the usual suspects like Musical Chairs and Duck-Duck-Goose are great, there are plenty of ways to take traditional kids games and turn them into Halloween fun. Need some inspiration? Take a page from the playbook of the party queen, herselfâ€”[Martha Stewart](#). A bit of â€œPop Goes the Pumpkin,â€• â€œGhost Story Prankâ€•, and â€œDead Manâ€™s Gutsâ€• will surely elicit many squeals of delight. Of course, bobbing for apples is simply a rite of passage for childhood and specifically perfect for this time of year. Donâ€™t forget the Squash Bowling and Pin the Tail on the Bat! Getting their creative juices flowing is a great way to get their seemingly endless energy to burn.

Parties are a blast but Halloween parties are beyond the pale (one might even say â€œghostlyâ€•). Turn up the fun by following these tantalizing tips for throwing a kid-friendly Halloween party.

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