

Party Planning Tips

Celebrate Your Child's Big Day With A Fairy Hunt Party

(NAPSA)—A delightful way to put a bit more magic into your youngster's next birthday party or other celebration can be to give it an enchanted theme. That can be almost as easy as waving a wand when you heed three hints:

1. Decorate to Suit the Theme. You can get tableware, decorations and even costumes to enhance an enchanted pixie theme. Fairy wings for everyone, for example, can add a special touch to the experience.

2. Serve Fairies' Favorite Foods and Drinks. Customize your menu with items such as Forest Fairy Trail Mix, which can be made by mixing 4 ounces each of assorted dried fruits, nuts, pumpkin seeds, shredded coconut, small chocolates and anything else you like in a large bowl. Miniature fairy-sized cupcakes or a larger cake featuring pixie dust sprinkles are popular, too. For quenching fairies' thirst, a Perfectly Pixie Nectar can be made from peeled, seeded and cubed cantaloupe, juiced limes and honey, blended until smooth.

3. Have Enchanting Activities. This can include a hunt for evidence that fairies do exist, starting with a discussion of what each child knows about fairy mythology.

Build a fairy house. Start with a shoe box and two triangle-shaped pieces of cardboard for the roof. Encourage the children to decorate their houses to attract their favorite kinds of fairies; e.g., plant, animal, water, light or tinker. Fold one larger piece of cardboard in half and place on top. Glue leaves or flower petals on the roof as shingles. Draw windows and doors where you want them on the outside of the box. Have an adult available to help cut them out. Use light cardboard to craft furniture



It can be easy to make magic welcome at your youngster's next party.

inside the houses and add tiny flowers to make splendid fairy-size centerpieces. Bottle caps, nutshells and toothpaste caps make handy pixie containers and dishes. Corks and empty spools make useful stools and table bases. Use jar lids as table tops, beds and bathtubs. Cotton balls make good pillows. Napkins can become curtains.

The hunt. Guests then find locations that they think will be attractive to fairies to place their houses. They can add "fairy food" such as raisins, berries, sunflower seeds, small foods, acorns for sipping tea, flower petals and leaves for making clothes, rhinestones, silvery shells or even nuts and bolts for tinker fairies.

Wait for fairies to arrive. Since fairies are very shy creatures, the children will need to leave the houses and concentrate on other activities like birthday cake, presents or watching a delightful film like Disney's new "Tinker Bell and the Great Fairy Rescue," an all-new, original, full-length, CG-animated film available as a Blu-ray combo pack, a DVD or a movie download. In this film, the worlds of fairies and humans meet for the first time. Years before

meeting Wendy and the Lost Boys, Tinker Bell met Lizzy, a little girl with a steadfast belief in the power of pixie dust and the magic land of fairies. Produced by DisneyToon Studios, it's a captivating and exciting adventure for the whole family, featuring breathtaking animation, spectacular music and an all-star cast of voice talents.

Search for evidence of fairies. While the children are otherwise engaged, one adult can visit all the houses, leaving telltale signs that fairies have visited, moving items in the houses as if they've been used, removing the snacks and sprinkling a trail of fairy dust glitter and cinnamon (which is the scent of fairies). Tiny tinkling bells and pastel-colored chocolate kisses can be left in the houses as gifts from the fairies, too.

When the movie is over, the kids can check their houses to look for signs of fairy visits and share the evidence they find.

Learn more fun facts about how to find a fairy and make fairy food, and about activities such as building a fairy house at <http://disney.go.com/fairies>, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TinkerBell and on Twitter: @tinker_bell.