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PLANNING

- Decide on a theme or party activity.
- Plan your guest list - you don't need to invite the whole class. **Small numbers** are more manageable. for at-home parties.
- Ask a friend to help you run the activities.



TIMINGS

- For 3-6 year olds - a 1.5 hour party length is ideal.
 - For 6-12 year olds - 1.5-2 hours.
- (45-60 minutes of crafts or activities, 30 minutes for food and 15-30 minutes for games/garden time).



INVITATIONS

- Send invitations 3-4 weeks before your party.
- Ask guests to come dressed for arts and crafty fun.
- Be clear whether it's a drop-off party or if you want parents to stay.



CAKE

- Consider serving cupcakes instead of a big cake.
- Sing 'Happy Birthday' before you serve food, so you have time to cut up a big cake for party bags.
- Save time and money and serve the cake as pudding.



FOOD & DRINK

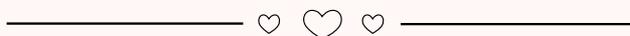
- Avoid drink mix ups and waste by writing kid's names on paper cups, bottles or cartons. (Sharpies are great for this).
- Check allergies and food preferences.
- Make life easy and consider ordering takeaway pizza.
- Or prepare cardboard picnic boxes in advance (ask which sandwich each child would like on the invite).
- Adults - if parents are staying, supply drinks and snacks for them. Ask a relative or friend to be in charge of this.



PARTY ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS & FUN!



- Try to do party activities in the garden and don't use paint!
- Protect your table with a paper or plastic table cloth.
- Plan a **welcome activity** - decorate paper party bags or personalise paper cups with felt tips, stickers and gems.
- Have a roll of paper handy to create a **birthday banner** for kids to colour, doodle and decorate. Draw picture frames for everyone to do a self-portrait or draw 'Happy Birthday' in big bubble writing. This is perfect for kids to dip in and out of throughout the party.
- For 4-6 year olds prepare 3 **easy** craft activities.
- For 6-12 year olds you can do one big craft or 2 small ones.
- Consider using **craft kits** such as my tried and tested [DIY craft party kits](#).
 - party bags included.
 - written and video instructions (simply pop the party bags on the table and play my video - so easy!).
 - wide choice of activities to suit different themes and ages.



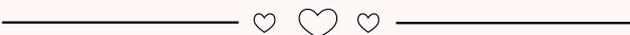
BACK UP ACTIVITIES

- In case things go quicker;
- Find a free printable bingo on [Pinterest](#) (Great for calming things down at the end).
 - Play traditional party games - North, South, East, West, musical statues or a balloon relay race.
 - If in doubt, put some music on and do a disco.



PARTY BAGS & FAVOURS

- Use the crafts the kids make as party favours. Job done!
- Books (Try The Works for special offers and bulk buys).
- [Paint pallets](#) or a small craft kit, try my magical [wand craft kits](#).
- Fill a water bottle with sweets. (Try B&M or Home Bargains for bottles).





Have an amazing party and don't forget to have fun and take lots of photos!

If you need to save a little extra time, I can make your party planning easy with my tried and tested, engaging and fun [DIY craft party kits](#).



Need a little craft activity inspiration? Explore my DIY Craft Kits for;

Kids aged 5-9;

[Craft Mania](#) - Great for keeping kids engaged.

[Mermaids & Mobiles](#) - For mermaid lovers.

[Rainbow Pony](#) - Make a fancy dress outfit: perfect for pony fanatics.

['Get Stuffed' teddy making kits](#) - The easiest party to run of all.

Tweens and Teens

[Tote bag decorating](#) - They're awesome for adults too!

Soft Toy Lovers

['Get Stuffed' teddy making kits](#) - A wow factor party!

Party favours, party bags and quick activities

[Fairy wand](#) and [winter wand making kits](#) - Create a little magic.



Hello, I'm Lexy, owner and founder of Made By Me Craft Parties.

I live in sunny Dorset, by the coast with my husband and 2 children. I'm partial to a good book, yoga and a twirl (not at the same time though!).

I have over 14 years of kids' party planning experience and 9 years of running inspiring craft parties for clients across the UK.

I'm passionate about helping others to host creative, stress free and fun parties.



Warm, sparkly wishes, Lexy

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