

PARTY PLANNING
checklist

STAY ORGANIZED FOR A STRESS FREE PARTY

8 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR PARTY

- Pick the theme / style of your party.
- Set your budget.
- Create a guest list.
- Find a venue that caters to your theme & guest list.
- Set the date, time & duration.

HELPFUL TIP: Setting a budget & theme first makes all the other decisions about your party much easier.

The theme will dictate your venue & food choices. A budget allows you to splurge on certain items and save on others, helping you to create the party you really want.

6 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR PARTY

- Choose your invitation.
- Brainstorm your menu.
- Brainstorm entertainment & games.
- Create a list of all the items you need to purchase before the party.

HELPFUL TIP: Your invitation is the first tangible item your guests will see. Create a great impression and get your guests excited by sending an invitation that reflects the style of your party. Be sure to provide clear RSVP instructions.

4 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR PARTY

- Mail your invitations.
- Order your decorations or your supplies if you're going DIY.
- Finalize all details now if you're booking entertainment or hiring party equipment.

HELPFUL TIP: Mailing your invites earlier results in a better response. If you're running short of time remember that printable invitations can be turned around in 1-2 days and you can print at home or at a local print shop on the same day.

2 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR PARTY

- Purchase your tableware including plate, napkins & cutlery.
- Plan & purchase party favours.
- If you're making decorations start now. You don't want to be doing this the night before your party.

1 WEEK BEFORE YOUR PARTY

- Follow up with any guests who have not RSVP'd & finalize guest list.
- Create a shopping list, purchase drinks and non-perishable food and pre-make any food that can be frozen / confirm menu.

1 DAY BEFORE YOUR PARTY

- Prepare non-perishable food & thaw any pre-made frozen food.
- If you have access, clean and decorate your space.
- Get your camera out and make sure the battery is charged.