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7 Tips for Hosting the Perfect Artisanal Kiddies Party

"Every year on your birthday, you get a chance to start new." -Sammy Hagar

That's why we at Artisanal Lifestyle believe no two celebrations should be the same but we do know to host the perfect celebration does have its challenges especially when you want to make it unique as your little one!

So to offer a little help we have put together 7 quick simple tips and tricks to make it a little easier.

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Happy Celebrating!



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1. Timing is everything: For peace of mind and less stress 6 to 8 weeks prior to the event planning should take place. This will allow you to choose a date, create a guest list, secure a venue (if need be), decide on a theme, choose suitable entertainment or party games as well as put together your budget.

2. Choose a date: Invitations are key to ensuring all your special people will be there to join in the celebration but this should be done 3 to 4 weeks prior to the event to not only give your guests enough time to plan but so you can plan too! Be sure to include a reasonable RSVP so you can cater accordingly and don't expect any last minute surprises!

3. Create your guest list: Kiddies parties are generally difficult especially when of school going age. So how does one decide how many friends to invite? After many years of hosting parties and the excessive expenses seen to be incurred by parents, a handy rule of thumb we came across was to invite as many friends to the birthday as the birthday child's age.

4. Secure the venue (if need be): We suggest a venue would need to be booked 6 weeks prior to the event. Tips to remember is that the average-sized room can accommodate 30 adults but kiddies would need to have a party table too! We suggest using outside areas to eliminate mess and allow for enough play area and entertainment.

5. It's all about the theme: Kiddies parties have certainly evolved over time and nowadays it's all about the theme but with that comes all the necessary décor to ensure it's a perfect celebration. Using the kiddies table as the centre of the event you will be able to limit the amount of décor. Starting with the perfect table, themed items such as a tablecloth, cups and straws, plates and cute cutlery and serviettes are a must. To add a bit more glitz to the table a party accessory is a great addition – things such as masks, hats, crowns to name a few. In addition to that, a party favour can also add a little sparkle and be incorporated into the table décor as centrepieces or as a table seating idea.



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A great tip and a cost-saving measure is to use all your finger food and sweet treats as centrepieces in containers or stands that add to the theme. Balloons are a great way to add height but can also be used as a party favour, tie balloons in bunches of 3 and attach to the kiddies chairs or balloon weights. Last but not least, hanging décor definitely will pull the theme together – try a bunting or simply say “Happy Birthday”. To this add a few pom-poms, lanterns or honeycombs in colours that match! Remember these could always be used again!

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6. Entertainment or Party Games: Depending on the age of the children attending the event, colouring-in sheets are fantastic plus you can always turn it into a competition. For kiddies that can't sit still, good old-fashioned hop-scotch will keep girls busy or ball based games for boys are a great way to keep them occupied. Jumping castles are a favourite, however, can be an expensive activity for a couple of hours. Another great idea is a pool party for all those long summer afternoons. Lastly, why not keep some mementoes by adding photo props or a photo booth – these will keep not only the little ones occupied but will also provide fun and entertainment for the parents.

7. Party eats: Finger food is a life-saver as you will be able to prepare ahead of time and do not need to worry should any of the kiddies not want to sit and eat at once. Alternatively, kiddies will love pizza or hot dogs plus these are easy to arrange. Lastly, a cake is a must but can be an expensive item which we have seen a many wasted so items such as cupcakes are great alternatives. Smaller sweet nibbles also work well and can be easier to store if left over.

Happy Party Planning!

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