PARTY PLANNING CHECKLIST



INITIAL PLANNING

- □ Choose your party theme
- □ Create your guest list
- □ Set your budget
- ☐ Pick the date and time
- □ Book venue (if needed)
- □ Decide indoor/outdoor setup

FOOD & DRINKS

- □ Plan your full menu (snacks, mains, desserts)
- ☐ Add dietary-friendly options (vegan, gluten-free, etc.)
- ☐ Decide on drinks (mocktails, cocktails, juices)
- ☐ Order catering or ingredients
- ☐ Arrange serving platters, bowls, utensils
- ☐ Plan food table layout / buffet arrangement

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INVITATIONS

- ☐ Select or design invitations
- ☐ Send invites (email, WhatsApp, printed, etc.)
- □ Track RSVPs
- ☐ Follow up with guests who haven't responded
- ☐ Share directions and parking info

ENTERTAINMENT & ACTIVITIES

- ☐ Create your party playlist
- ☐ Set up speakers/music system
- □ Plan games or group activities
- ☐ Prepare prizes or props (if needed)
- ☐ Schedule special moments (cake cutting, speeches)
- ☐ Set up a designated dance / activity a





DÉCOR & ATMOSPHERE

- □ Choose your theme colors
- ☐ Set up lighting (fairy lights, lamps, candles)
- ☐ Install balloons, banners, or backdrop
- □ Decorate tables and seating
- ☐ Create a photo booth or selfie corner
- ☐ Add flowers, centerpieces, or greenery

FINAL WEEK PREP

- □ Confirm food, cake, or catering orders
- ☐ Reconfirm entertainment or DJ (if applicable)
- □ Double-check guest count
- ☐ Declutter and clean party area
- $\ \square$ Prep make-ahead foods
- □ Buy last-minute décor items

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SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT

- □ Plates, bowls, cups, napkins
- □ Cutlery (forks, spoons, knives)
- ☐ Serving trays and tongs
- ☐ Ice bucket, cooler, drink dispensers
- ☐ Trash bags & cleaning wipes
- ☐ Extra chairs and tables
- □ Party favors / goodie bags

DAY BEFORE THE PARTY

- □ Pick up groceries, cake, snacks
- □ Set up decorations
- ☐ Arrange furniture layout
- \Box Prepare chilled drinks
- ☐ Charge phone, camera, speakers, lights
- ☐ Prepare entry table (gifts, guest book, etc.)

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- ☐ Set up final food and drink stations
- ☐ Light candles / turn on lights
- ☐ Keep a small checklist handy
- ☐ Welcome guests and enjoy the party!
- ☐ Take photos and videos

AFTER-PARTY CLEANUP

- □ Pack leftovers in containers
- ☐ Throw away trash and recyclables
- ☐ Gather décor you want to reuse
- \square Wipe down surfaces
- ☐ Put furniture back in place
- $\hfill\Box$ Store supplies for next event

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