

Lil' Prince 1st Birthday Party Planning Guide

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4-6 Weeks Before the Party
Select Date:Time:
Place: Plan a safe, inviting place for kids to have fun, and for the adults to enjoy themselves, too.
Create Guest List Just fill out the handy list in this guide!
Order Party Supplies, Favors & Activities 1stWishes.com is the place! You'll find over 30 first birthday party themes, with party pack options for all of them. We also have party favors for kids of all ages.
Order Birthday Outfit & Gifts 1stWishes.com has lots of fun choices. Look for our special first birthday hats, bibs, dresses, T-shirts, and birthday gifts designed to match our party themes.
Book Entertainment (optional)
2 Weeks Before the Party
Order Cake Schedule to pick it up one day before the party.
Mail Birthday Invitations Use the second page of this guide to keep track of guests who RSVP.
Create List of Parent Phone Numbers Keep on hand in case of emergency.
Plan Party Menu Check out the recipes in this guide. Ask parents if kids have any food allergies.
Choose Party Games & Collect Party Supplies This guide has ideas that match your party theme!
2-3 Days Before the Party
Prepare Cameras Check batteries. Charge video camera. Buy film or video cards. Get Birthday Message Cameras for guests to use.
1 Day Before the Party
Make Food & Drinks, Bake/Get Cake, Buy Ice Set out chilled/heated foods just before everyone eats.
Childproof & Decorate Party Area Remove breakable items and objects that could prevent guests from moving freely. Decorate with balloons, crepe paper, and other items included in your party pack.
Set Up Party Games, Fill Favor Boxes & <u>Piñatas</u> Invite friends or family members to help you with the party!
Party Day! Fill Birthday Balloons with Helium
Waiting till party day ensures they float well. Tie in bunches with curling ribbon and attach to your mailbox or door.
After the Party
Include party photos!

Games That Reign!

At 1st birthday parties, the guest list often includes adults as well as children, so be sure to choose games that include everyone in the fun!

Who's That Lil' Prince or Princess?

Estimated time: 25 minutes.

Ask your guests to bring a baby photo from when they were about 1 year old. Put the pictures into a large envelope until all guests have arrived. Then attach photos to a decorated board or wall and ask everyone to match pictures to the correct guests.

Royal Dress-up

Estimated time: 30 minutes. Estimated cost for a party of 8: \$20. Supplies:

- crowns and tiaras or princess hats (or make them using the supplies below)
- construction paper scissors markers glitter pens glue tape
- box of dress-up clothing and fun accessories like boas and scarves

Before the party, purchase <u>crowns</u> for boys and <u>tiaras</u> or <u>princess hats</u> for girls; or supply glue, scissors, construction paper, markers, glitter pens and tape for guests to make their own. Then provide a decorated box or trunk of clothing, and fun accessories for everyone to dress up like royalty.

Magic Parade

Estimated time: 30 minutes.

Supplies:

- music

Play some <u>lively music</u> and invite your royal guests to form a human train that moves from room to room in your "castle." Have everyone take turns leading the parade with fun movements for everyone to follow.

Musical Thrones

Estimated time: 30 minutes. Estimated cost for a party of 8: \$6. Supplies:

- chairs - crepe paper - balloons - music

This fun game is played like musical chairs, but with fancy "thrones." Before the party, decorate chairs to look like thrones (1 per person), or invite everyone at the party to decorate them using <u>crepe paper</u> and <u>balloons</u>. Arrange the thrones in a circle, with ample space in between, and invite everyone to walk around the outside while you play music. Before you stop the music, remove 1 throne. When the music stops, everyone tries to sit on a throne.

The person left without a throne steps out and gets a small prize. Remove one throne after each round, and continue playing until only 1 person remains.





Royal Snacks

His Highness Handprint Sandwiches

Estimated time: 30 minutes. Estimated cost for a party of 8: \$4. <u>Ingredients</u>:

- bread slices sandwich fillings of your choice <u>Supplies</u>:
- cardboard aluminum foil pencil scissors knife
 Serve cute sandwiches shaped like your Lil' Prince's hand. Using the cardboard covered in foil, trace an outline around your baby's hand.
 Cut out the tracing so you have a template. Place on top of the first two slices of bread and, using a knife, cut around outside of template to create cute little hand shapes from the bread. Next, spread fillings on one hand shape. Top with second hand, making sure shapes match up, and voilà!

Castle Cones

Estimated time: 30 minutes. Estimated cost for a party of 8: \$10. Ingredients:

- instant pudding mix - ice cream cones - sprinkles - maraschino cherries

These tasty pudding cones look like they came straight from the castle. Before the party, make a batch (or more) of pudding. Chill. At the party, spoon into cones. Top with sprinkles and a cherry on each.

Royal 1 Cookies

Estimated time: 30 minutes. Estimated cost for a party of 8: \$7. Ingredients:

- sugar cookie dough (homemade or store-bought)
- blue frosting edible glitter

Supplies:

- tracing paper cardboard aluminum foil
- pencil scissors knife

A platter of "1" shaped cookies is perfect for the party table. Create a cookie template by tracing and cutting a number 1 from cardboard and covering it in foil. Roll out dough and cut into "1" shapes using template and knife. Bake, cool, frost and sprinkle with edible glitter. Fun!



Got Everything?

Glance through the list below to see if you're missing any important items. Many can be found on the Lil' Prince 1st Birthday party theme page.

• Personalized Banner – for every occasion



- <u>Party Music</u> helpful during games, and to create a festive atmosphere
- Party Favors fun take-home prizes
- Piñatas for every theme!
- <u>Cake Pan & Toppers</u> theme-related pans and decorative cake toppers
- <u>Helium Tank</u> made of recyclable materials; check with your city for proper disposal options
- <u>Standups</u> for fun photos with kids' favorite characters

Party Guest List

This handy list will help you keep track of R.S.V.P.'s, and who you've sent thank-you notes to. Want to invite more guests? Simply extend the list!

Guest	RSVP	Thank-You	Guest	RSVP	Thank-You
I	Yes / No		П	Yes / No	
2.	Yes / No		12.	Yes / No	
3.	Yes / No		13	Yes / No	
4.	Yes / No		14	Yes / No	
5	Yes / No		15	Yes / No	
6.	Yes / No		16.	Yes / No	
7.	Yes / No		17.	Yes / No	
8.	Yes / No		18.	Yes / No	
9.	Yes / No		19.	Yes / No	
10.	Yes / No		20	Yes / No	