



INTRODUCTION AND PARTY INVITATIONS

Are you ready to spin a whimsical personal fairy tale for your child's next birthday? Find inspiration for planning a perfect ending party sure to please your little princess.

Party Note:

Overwhelmingly, this is a party that a little girl will want. However, you may find that you must invite boys to this party as well. If so, include the boys by making them knights in shining armor and have them make swords and crowns, have a fencing match, etc. It's an easy way to be inclusive of the boys.

If you hand-deliver your royal invitations, create a **Crown Cookie Wand** and attach your party details to the cookie's stick.

Purchase a crown cookie cutter. Make up a batch of your favorite sugar cookies and use the cookie cutter to make crown shapes. Before baking your cookies, poke sticks into them. Ice the crown cookies with pink, white, and purple frosting. Wrap them in pink cellophane.

Use the same cookie cutter to create crown invitations using pink, purple, and white paper. Write the royal details on your invitation and hole-punch the crowns. Thread a pink or purple satin ribbon through the invitation and tie around the pink cellophane wrapping. This is a perfect royal princess invitation to hand-deliver to your guests.

Alternatively, if you are mailing your invitations, use your cookie cutter and cut out the royal invitations, write your party details on the card, and send in the mail without the cookie.

An Invitation Note: *Ask your guests to wear their fancy clothes to the royal party!*

DECORATIONS

Pink, pearly white, and purple are the royal colors of choice for this party. Use these colors for your party décor, including balloons, streamers, confetti, and tableware. Mix and match these colors to add variety.



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String white lights around the front entrance to your home or the party room to add a magical touch.

For the guests to feel that they have royally arrived, roll out a red carpet for them to walk on as they enter the party.

Use pink and white ribbon and tulle to decorate a special throne for your birthday child to be seated on at her party table. Add a small, soft pillow for her to sit on as well. Place pink and white bows on the guests' seats.

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

When the guests arrive, have a box full of play gems, jewelry, and fancy shoes for the children to adorn their fancy outfits with.

Make Castle Picture Frames. Have the kids glue Popsicle® sticks to cardboard along with rhinestones, glitter, and sequins. This is a great craft item for the guests to take home.

Make Princess Hats:

Using solid color felt squares, fold them into the shapes of a cone for party hats. Invite the guests to create a Princess Hat. Provide them with assorted stick-on gems, confetti, and feathers to decorate their hats. At the top of the cones, attach a piece of pink tulle to hang down from the top of the hats. Staple elastic strings to the hats so the children can wear their hats during the party.

Read your favorite version of the tale *Princess and the Pea* and play several games that follow this special story:



Hide a small bouncy ball and/or marble under a pillow. Have the guests sit on each pillow and try to determine which pillow has the pea underneath.

Play *Princess Pop the Pea*. Blow up small green balloons and have a popping contest by either sitting or lying on the balloons.

Make *Pea Bracelets* using small round green beads and ribbon.

Hold a **Princess Dress Up Relay**. Divide your guests into two teams and have them stand in relay style at one end of the room. At the other end of the room, have a large gown, wand, crown, tiara, and slippers laid out for each team. Give the signal, and the first team member races to the princess outfit, puts it on, runs back to the team, tags the next person in line, and races back, takes off the princess dress up items, and runs back to the team line. The rest of the players do the same. The first team done wins!

Hold a **Chocolate Coin Treasure Hunt**. Provide colorful cellophane bags to your guests and give them two minutes to hunt chocolate gold coins that you have hidden



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throughout the party area. The guests can take their chocolate coins home as part of their party favor.

PARTY MENU

Serve dainty sandwiches filled with cream cheese and jam and cream cheese and cucumber.

Fruit skewers with berries, bananas and kiwi fruits.

Apple slices with caramel sauce.

Mini scones with jam.

Bananas, strawberries, small cakes, and marshmallows with chocolate dipping sauce.

An assortment of cakes and cookies.

Make a **Crown Birthday Cake**. Bake a standard round cake and place inverted sugar cones around the edge of the cake to form a crown. Use frosting to attach either gumballs or gumdrops for décor. Decorate your crown with as many jewels as your birthday princess wants.

Serve pink lemonade in fancy plastic champagne glasses.

Serve an Assortment of Princess Snacks:

Magic Wands — pretzel rods dipped in chocolate and sprinkled with star-shaped sprinkles

Star-shaped Kellogg's® Rice Krispies® Treats Wands — add a stick to look like wands

Cotton candy

Pastel jelly beans

Golden Popcorn — caramel corn



PARTY FAVORS

A Magic Wand. Purchase small wooden dowels and spray paint them silver. Use pre-cut foam stars and decorate them with silver and gold glitter. Attach the stars to the wooden dowels using a hot glue gun. (This would also be a fun party craft for the kids to make, but the hot glue gun should only be used by the supervising adults.)

Once the children have collected their chocolate coins, tie their colorful bags around their magic wands with a satin ribbon.



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Alternatively, tie off the cellophane bags with a satin ribbon and they can take their chocolates and magic wands home without being attached. Either way works well.

Include a royal photo in your thank you notes that the kids can place into their castle frames that they had made at your royal affair.



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