

birthday

{tips & hints}

Here are some ideas to make your birthday party more fun and memorable!

Tips

- Stripes instantly set a carnival tone. As you're selecting décor for your party, use items with stripes or create your own (ex. hang streamers in alternating colors or create a balloon wall using rows of the same balloon color).
- Review the recipes in the Birthday Collection. There are several that can be made ahead to help reduce the amount of prep needed on the day of the party.
- Check out this [DIY tip for making your own pinwheels](#). Use the pinwheels for party décor or let party guest make their own.
- Looking for a creative way to serve snacks? Make these [easy chip bags following this tutorial](#).



Activities

Here are a few ideas to bring your carnival theme to life.

- Set up a series of carnival-inspired games:
 - o Ring toss – Use a 6-pack of bottles in their carrying case. Use plastic bracelets as your rings
 - o Pin the tail on the donkey
 - o Duck pond – Purchase 8-10 ducks and number the ducks on the bottom. Place rubber ducks in a bucket or child's pool. Have each party guest pull out a duck and then receive a prize based on the number they selected
 - o Bean bag toss
 - o Win a goldfish
- Paint faces with face paint or apply temporary tattoos
- Set up photo booth with props – mustaches, costumes, popcorn, etc. for photo fun