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**Mickey Mouse Clubhouse focuses on dynamic, interactive fun! Active involvement creates an exciting time for all the guests. Oh, boy!**

**Hot Dog, Hot Dog, Hot Diggity Dog** – The traditional game of Duck, Duck, Goose for the world of Mickey Mouse Clubhouse, using “Hot Dog, Hot Dog, and Hot Diggity Dog” to make it Clubhouse-specific.

**We’ve got ears, say “cheers”** – The children are all given construction paper and they all draw “Mickey ears,” coloring and decorating them however they want.

**Toodles Twister** – A variation on the classic “Twister” game. Print or draw a series of rows of different Clubhouse icons and images such as Toodles, the Clubhouse, Mickey’s yellow shoes, Hot Dogs, and more. It’s a twist of fun for kids of all ages.

**Quick Pass** – This is a version of the classic game “Hot Potato.” Use a red or yellow ball as the “potato,” perhaps with “Mickey ears” made of felt glued onto it. The children gather in a circle. Music is played – something fun and fast-paced – and the ball is quickly passed from one person to another down the line. The music is randomly stopped and whoever is holding the ball when it stops is “out” and he/she steps aside. The music continues and the ball continues to get passed down the line. The music is stopped and started again until the last person holding the ball is “out.” Whoever is left NOT holding the ball wins a prize.



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### HERE ARE SOME FUN FOOD IDEAS FOR YOUR MICKEY MOUSE CLUBHOUSE PARTY:

**Hot Diggity Dogs** – Pigs in a Blanket are just the right size for any young child. Serve with mustard/ketchup on the side.

**Clubhouse Sandwiches** – a variety of simple luncheon meats (chicken, turkey, ham) with cheese, mustard and/or ketchup on whole wheat bread.

**Mousketool Macaroni** – Elbow macaroni with tomato sauce and/or oil and garlic can be served as a small side dish.

**Toodles Treats** – A variety of red velvet cookies and golden sandwich cookies. Cookies and cupcakes can be placed on serving platter or plates in sets of 3 to form the iconic “Mickey ears.”

### Pluto's Veggie Skateboards

Kids will enjoy this nutritious veggie side dish next to their Hot Diggity Dogs. Zucchini for wheels and sliced carrots for the board make this side a fun experience!

### Clubhouse Cake

The exciting birthday cake frosted in blue, yellow and red frosting with Mickey ears decorations. De-lic-ious!!!



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### **Mickey Bags**

Decorate a plain-colored gift bag with the three-circle iconic Mickey ears. Fill the bags with coloring books, crayons, fun-shaped candy, play tools (Mouseketools), and a toy magnifying glass (Mystery Mousketool).

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A Disney Princess is all about glamour – transform your party space into a princess-perfect party by including lots of pink, tulle, or net on the table and around the room!

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### FUN FOOD IDEAS FOR YOUR DISNEY PRINCESS PARTY!

#### Magical Ice Punch

Freeze pink-colored cubes (combination of fruit punch mix and cranberry juice) the night before. During the party, prepare cups of juice with seltzer water. Let each princess/prince add in "magic" ice cube.

#### Starry Night Wands

Make fairy wand snacks by cutting fruit or rice cereal treats into star shapes with a cookie cutter. Insert a pretzel rod into each for the wand handle. Decorate with icing and glittery sprinkles if applicable.

#### "I Heart You" Sandwiches

A treat kids and parents will be sure to love! Make heart-shaped peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and add a touch of elegance with chocolate dipped strawberries.

#### Crowned Chicken Pie

A royal twist on the classic chicken pot pie. Create crowned pastry cups and fill with delicious chicken filling.

#### Cake/Cupcakes

Decorate your cake/cupcakes with Disney Princess-themed icons (i.e. tiaras, gems, glass slipper, pumpkins, etc.)

#### Castle Cake

The ultimate delectable princess birthday treat. Decorate with castle shapes and princess pink frosting.





**Disney Princess is about fantasy and role play. It's the perfect combination for creating magical moments your guests will be sure to remember.**

### **Cinderella's Missing Glass Slipper**

Hand the princess-of-honor – the birthday child – a map covered with decades of pixie dust (a pinch of glitter). On it, write a note about Cinderella's missing glass slipper hidden in your house, backyard, etc. Each guest gets to guess the answer to a riddle, and as a group, the guests can run to wherever the clue leads and find another one. Be sure to have plenty of slippers filled with jewels for all to share. For your smaller princesses, consider using picture clues instead of written ones.

### **Princess Coronation Station**

Let your guests feel the magic of being 'crowned' a princess. Have each guest create their own tiara and magic wand. Provide pre-cut tiaras and shapes, paint, stickers, and lots of sparkle. Once everyone has finished, have the guests line up for their coronation.

### **Smooch the Frog**

Draw a picture of a frog on a large sheet of paper. Be creative and use paint to add color and texture. Be sure to mark an "X" on the frog's lips. Players will take turns trying to pin a small paper "smooch" (lips) on the "X" while blindfolded. The princess/prince whose kiss lands closest to the lips wins!

### **Carriage Painting**

Let your little ones have their pumpkin and paint them, too! Cover the table with newspaper. Provide small pumpkins, paints and paintbrushes. Let your princesses/princes paint their very own carriage.







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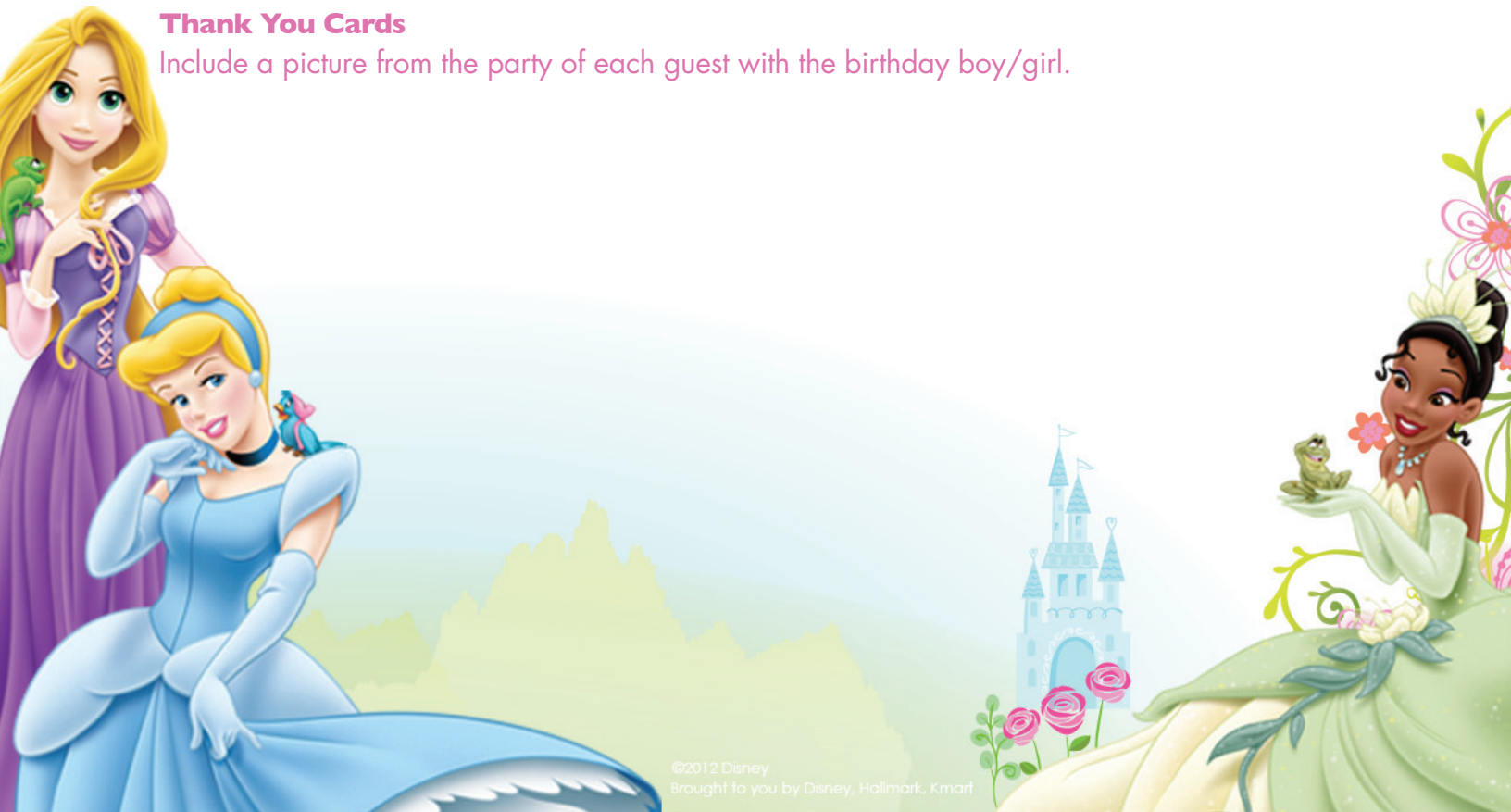
Fill a reusable jewel-decorated purse with small favors that are fit for a princess. Include jewelry, lip gloss, coloring books, fun-shaped candy, etc.

### Carriage Full of Jewels

Princesses love keeping their most precious jewels under lock and key. Give guests a bounty of favors to keep secure in a carriage box. Check out Hallmark Party favors for more ideas!

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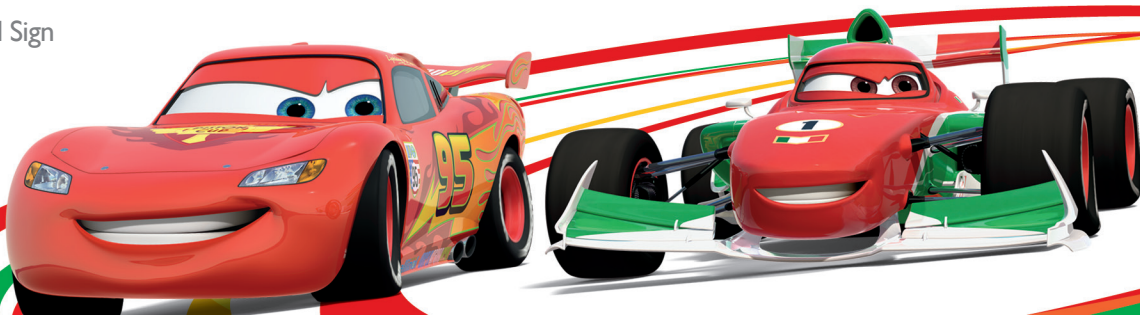
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**Finish Line Food** – Assorted foods and snacks with car-themed names and looks, including...

**Victory Lane Veggies** – include little placards that describe each one: **CAR-rots, Speedy Celery** along with **Racin' Ranch Dressing**

**Car-Shaped Sandwiches** – Use various-shaped cookie cutters or car-shaped cookie cutters to cut out round (tire) shapes or full car shapes.

**Lightning McQueen Tires** – Sandwich cookies with the #95 frosted onto them. Also, assorted big cookies decorated with #95 and a lightning bolt.

**Ka-Chow Crunch** – Various flavors of popcorn in individual bags.

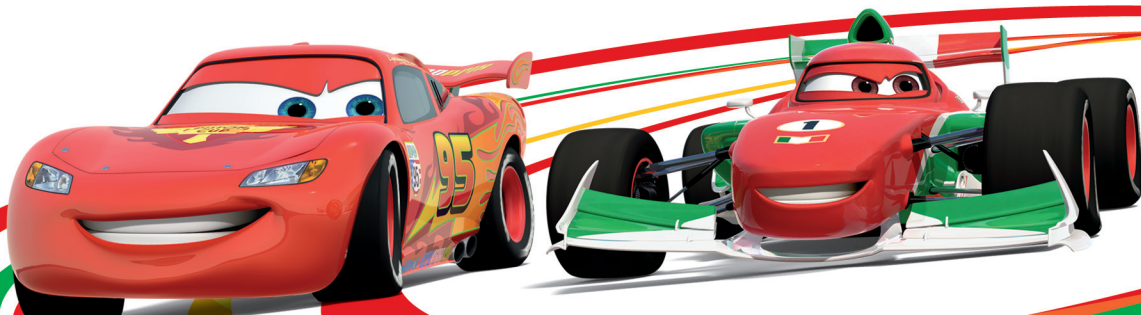
**Mater Mix** – Snack/Party Mix

**I Brake for Cupcakes** – Assorted flavored cupcakes

#### Wheel Cake

Bake or purchase a round chocolate cake and use frosting to create a center hubcap, and around the rim, write in frosting, "Happy Birthday (child's name)."

Additionally, you can bake a chocolate bunt cake, and use frosting and/or whipped cream to fill in the center to create the hubcap.





## GAMES & ACTIVITIES

Cut out large pieces in pairs of cardboard and decorate each one to look like the side panels of a car, including the doors. Make sure to color each pair a different color and include a unique racing number (e.g. 95, 42, 89). The guests will line up at a starting line and race around a track. If they drop one or both sides of the car, they have to start over. The first child to cross the finish line and get the checkered flag wins! Encourage the children to make their best race-car noises as they run around the track.

### Red Light. Green Light.

This traditional game is a perfect fit for a *Cars* party. Ask a guest if they want to volunteer as the 'caller' to shout out "red light, green light."

### Custom Tires

Place pie tins upside down on a table. Have different beads and strings, non-toxic paint and glue and have each child decorate each pie tin to be their own custom racing tire.

### Lightning, Lightning, Mater!

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### Racing Concentration

Cut out about 20-30 car-shaped pieces of construction paper in pairs. On one side of each shape, draw a number (to resemble a number on the side of a racecar). There should be 2 car shapes, or 1 pair, that have the same number on them. For example, there should be a pair with number 95, number 43, etc. With 20 total squares, there should be 10 pairs of numbers or images. Leave the other side of the squares blank. Each child will take turns turning over 2 squares at a time to try and match a pair. If they don't, the squares get turned back over and the next child takes their turn. If a child matches a pair, leave those squares showing and then that child gets to take another turn. A child keeps going until they don't match a pair. The goal is to match all the squares.

### Track the Trophy

The famous Piston Cup has been stolen. Each child tries to track down and recover the missing Piston Cup. Hide the trophy before the guests arrive, and place various signs around the house that have either red, yellow or green traffic lights, meaning cold, warm, or hot, in that order. You can add additional signs that read, "You're off the track" or "You're on the right track" or "Go, Go, Go!" The winner gets a small trophy.







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### **Party to Go!**

Fill a gift bag, include a mini checkered flag, fun fruit snacks, crayons, a small die-cast car, a mini trophy and a small bag of the Ka-Chow Crunch.

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