

## **Planning Tips**

Let these tips, products and ideas help you create a memorable (and easy) birthday party both you and your child will enjoy!

## **Setting the Party Date and Time**

Give guests at least 3 weeks' notice on the party date and time. Don't forget to clearly state the start and end time on your invitation!

Saturday afternoons are the most popular party time, as that time works well for younger kids' nap schedules.

- For children under 3, a 1-hour party is usually long enough.
- For preschool-aged kids, 90 minutes is the ideal party length.
- For most kids, keep parties under 2 hours to keep their attention and keep them on their best behavior!

Plan the first 15 minutes for arrivals and at least 30 minutes for cake and presents!

## **Set the Environment**

Cars is all about racing, speed, and high-octane excitement – Create a world-class race with finish-line checkered patterns, road signs, racing numbers and string red, yellow and green lights!

## **Tabletop**

Your party's main event—singing "Happy Birthday" and blowing out the candles — takes place at the table. You'll also have most of your most memorable photos taken there, so be sure to include *Cars* cups, plates, and napkins to really bring your party to life!

Check List	
Decorations	Don't Forget!
Balloons	Batteries (for new toys! AAA, AA, C and D)
Banners	Camera
Centerpiece	Candles
Ceiling Danglers	Matches/Lighter
Confetti	Cake Platter and Serving Utensils
Streamers	
Party Hats	
Party Blowers/ Noisemakers	
Signs or Fun Decorations	
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