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# HOLIDAY GAME NIGHT GUIDE

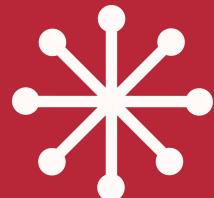
*Deck the Halls and Deal the Cards*





## *In the spirit of the season,*

this holiday playbook is stuffed with suggestions for throwing the most epic holiday game night on your block. Unwind from the hustle and bustle with an evening of friendly competition and family rivalry.



# Consider a Theme

- **Holiday movie night:**

Choose a lineup that includes timeless classics like *It's a Wonderful Life* or *Elf* and newer favorites like *Klaus*. Set up a cozy viewing area with blankets and pillows and maybe even a vote for best movie.

- **Ugly sweater party:**

Encourage guests to wear their most outrageous and festive sweaters. Consider a runway show where everyone shows off their attire, with prizes for categories like "Most Creative" and "Most Hilarious."

- **Fancy dress-up affair:**

Host a winter wonderland soirée or a glamorous red-carpet holiday gala. Encourage guests to dress their best, complete with a photo booth to capture all the stylish looks.

Add a sparkly layer of whimsy and fun!



Set the magical stage with holiday decor.



## Decorate the Space

- **Bright and elegant:**

Hang string lights and garlands around doorways, windows, and the mantle for a warm ambiance.

- **Radiant:**

Use ornaments as table centerpieces, mixing sizes and colors to create a festive display.

- **Glittering:**

Depending on your theme, add sparkly elements like sequined table runners or glittering stars hanging from the ceiling for additional razzle-dazzle.

- **Cozy:**

Ensure there's ample seating with comfy pillows and throws, creating a relaxed environment for mingling.

# Create a Merry Playlist

- **Musical mix:**

Curate a playlist of traditional holiday tunes and modern favorites. Include sing-along classics and upbeat tracks to keep spirits high.

- **Caroling fun:**

If your group is up for it, consider caroling for an extra dose of cheer! Hand out lyrics for a joyful group activity.



## Toast With Festive Food and Drinks

- **Hot chocolate bar:**

Set up a DIY hot chocolate station with a variety of toppings—think marshmallows, candy canes, whipped cream, and flavored syrups.

- **Snack mix:**

Create a festive snack mix with pretzels, chocolate-covered candies, and seasonal treats like holiday-shaped cookies or Christmas Hershey's Kisses.

- **Cocktails:**

Serve seasonal cocktails like peppermint mochas, cranberry martinis, and spiced eggnog. Consider including nonalcoholic versions so everyone can enjoy!

- **Candy cane bark:**

Make this simple and delicious treat with chocolate and crushed candy canes to satisfy any sweet tooth.

- **Cookie exchange:**

Host a cookie exchange party where guests bring their favorite holiday cookies to share. Encourage your guests to bake different cookies to ensure a tasty variety for everyone to sample.



# Play Yuletide Games

- **Draw visual clues:**

Have teams sketch out holiday-themed hints for others to guess.



- **Play charades:**

Act out beloved holiday movies, songs, or traditions.



- **Battle wits in trivia:**

Host a holiday trivia contest to test your guests' knowledge of festive facts, movies, and songs.

- **Compete in a gift wrapping showdown:**

See who can wrap a gift in the most creative way in a timed contest.

- **Go ear to ear naming the tunes:**

Play short clips of holiday songs and see who can guess them first.

- **Put a festive spin on your favorite games:**

Play the holiday version of a classic board game or modern video game.

- **Spice up your card games:**

Up the candy ante in a playful game of poker or be the first to 500 in eggnog rummy. There are many ways to make a card game on theme for the holiday season!



# *Enjoy DIY Festivities*

*Create your own holiday cheer.*

- **Decorate ornaments:**

Transform plain ornaments into personalized treasures. Incorporate a variety of paints, markers, glitter, and other embellishments to let your creativity shine.



- **Customize cookies:**

Bake a batch of plain sugar cookies then unleash your inner pastry chef. With a colorful array of frosting and sprinkles, create your edible masterpieces.

- **Build a gingerbread house:**

Become a master builder and decorate your own gingerbread house. With premade (or handmade!) gingerbread house kits, candies, icing, and sprinkles, create a sweet and festive piece of architecture.

- **Canvas painting:**

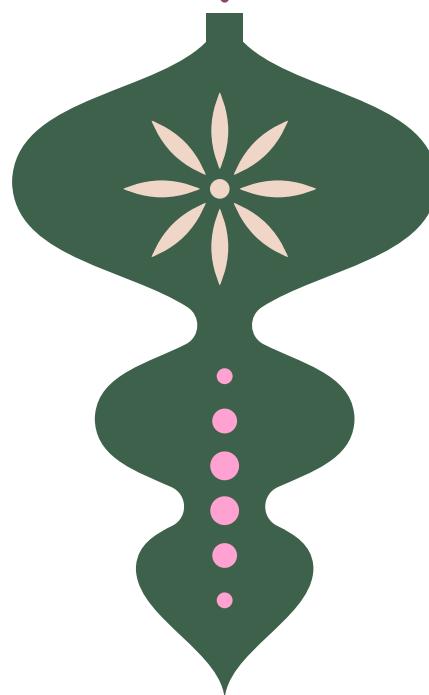
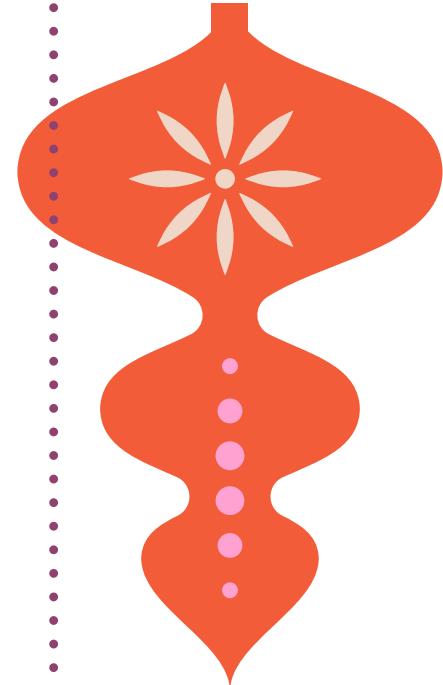
Follow along and paint a holiday-themed picture. Unleash your inner artist and create a showpiece.

- **Card design:**

Spread holiday cheer with personalized cards. Design and create unique cards using cardstock, markers, stickers, and other decorative elements.

- **Make a wreath:**

Craft your own festive wreath using a wreath frame, ribbons, dried flowers, and various decorations.



# Leave a Lasting Holiday Impression

- **Customized ornaments:**

Give guests personalized ornaments with their names or initials as a keepsake.

- **Candy cane favors:**

Simple yet festive, these make for great take-home treats.

- **Mini chocolate bars:**

Wrap chocolates in holiday-themed foil for a sweet reminder of the night.

- **Homemade treats:**

Package cookies or other baked goods in colorful bags for guests to enjoy later.

- **Goodie bags:**

Create festive goodie bags with candy, nuts, and dried fruit for a delightful surprise.



## Top Tips for Festive Fun

- **Set clear rules:**

Ensure everyone knows the game or project rules and instructions to keep things running smoothly.

- **Encourage participation:**

Make sure everyone feels included and has a chance to join in on the fun.

- **Keep the mood light:**

Promote friendly competition and good sportsmanship to maintain a joyous atmosphere.

- **Take breaks:**

Schedule short intermissions for socializing, eating, drinking, and bathroom visits.

- **Adapt to the crowd:**

Be flexible and adjust the game plan based on the mood of the group to keep engagement.

- **Have a prize for the winners:**

Offer a small prize to add an extra layer of excitement and motivation for players.

# Holiday Scavenger Hunt

ENJOY THIS FUN OPTION FOR YOUR MERRY EVENT!



Grab your phone and get ready for a holiday adventure!



**Your mission:** Find and photograph the following festive items scattered around the house and neighborhood. The first one to capture them all and send in the photos wins!

*Note: Please be mindful not to take pictures of your neighbors, their license plates, or any street addresses. While this holiday game is all about festive fun, let's make sure we respect everyone's privacy!*

- Holiday ornament**
- Red bow**
- Candy cane**
- Holiday cookie**
- Sign about the festive season**
- Holiday card**
- Piece of tinsel**
- String of white lights**
- Wrapped present**
- Snowman**
- Wreath on a door**
- Multi-light display**
- House with a holiday decoration in the window**
- Snowflake**
- Pine cone**
- Mistletoe**
- Bell**
- Star**
- Frosty window**
- Stocking**

