



Fantastical Tea Party



Recall the adventures of Alice in Wonderland. Now imagine designing, producing and planning an event for your guests to remind them of a time when their imaginations ran wild and their minds were carefree. This theme is perfect for companies who want to spark creative solutions.

EVENT EXPERIENCE

Imagine falling down the rabbit hole and finding yourself in the middle of Madness and Mayhem, life-sized cards, rabbits the size of a man, and magic potions in little bottles.

Your guests will be mesmerized with the fun bedlam and oversized props for this event. For your adult guests it's the opportunity to be children again.

COLORS & TEXTURES

Purple, Pinks, Yellows, Reds and Greens will serve as your main colors; accent with black and white checkered fabrics and objects.



SETTING THE MOOD



INVITATION IDEAS

Use a book or box that opens and encapsulates the following:

- Picture of your choice
- Small envelope with the invite inside
- Small bottle with “DRINK ME” on it
- Cupcake or cookie that looks like a pocket watch
- Hat-shaped cookie or small mint that says “Eat Me”

These invitation ideas could be created by your preferred local advertising or marketing company. If you really have it in you, you could also make them yourself.

ENTRYWAY

As guests arrive, they will be enticed to enter through the rabbit hole. The hallway can be draped in black with mirrors and chairs hung on the wall. Bird cages, large framed photos, and other items reminiscent of one's descent into the rabbit hole will draw the guests into the party atmosphere from the very start.

A fantastical sign post will be placed outside of the entrance to provide instructions to guests. Go this way and that, Queen of Hearts Castle, Tea Party That Way, etc. Volunteers wearing large playing card sandwich boards could act as the Card Guards, greeting guests as they approach the entrance to the tunnel. They can encourage guests to give themselves up to the adventure of the Rabbit Hole.



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PRE-FUNCTION AREA

The event will kick off with a fantasy garden comprised of oversized flowers and trees. Don't forget the obnoxiously large smiley cat will be watching from a branch above.

Your guests can have a drink out of a small milk bottle that says 'DRINK ME' on it while munching on small cookies that say "EAT ME". Concoct a special drink to put in the small bottle that can be served on small book-shaped platters.

An area may be created for guests to build their own Mad Hatter hat for the evening. This activity gets the party started and is a great ice breaker for your attendees.

MAIN ROOM

Imagine upside down white and floral umbrellas to look as if your guests are a smaller version of Alice and looking up at the underbrush of the forest floor.

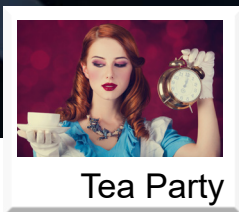
Use a black and white checkered dance floor to represent a giant checker board. This will be a classy and fun look. Hedges will be placed around the dance floor to define the 'garden' space.

STAGE AREA

A 20ft x 40ft backdrop with the fantasy garden as a stage backdrop will really drive home your theme. On either side of the backdrop sits giant flowers and giant toadstools. We will place smaller toadstools on either side of the podium with artificial turf at the bottom and smaller flowers around the front of the podium.



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DÉCOR

The décor for this event will be out of this world fantastical. Oversized props will shock and awe guests. A paper Mache tree will be anchoring one of the tables or placed in the corner of the room with the grinning cat lounging on a branch.

Our main décor focus will be on the table, where the tea party will take place. Labels and signage will play a fun part in décor elements throughout the event. These fantastical labels that shout “Bid on me” “Higher, Higher” or “Buy, Buy, Buy” or messaging of your event will help relay your message all night long.

FURNITURE ACCENTS

In one corner of the room we will display what it felt like to be Alice as she shrank, the other side when she grew. To accomplish this, we will place children’s furniture on one side of the room and

regular furniture throughout the rest of the room. A giant chair or other oversize furniture will be placed in the other corner of the room. These areas will make great photo ops.

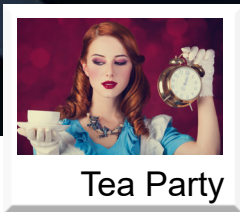
Dining tables will have mismatched chairs just like the famous tea party.

CENTERPIECES

There are many centerpiece ideas that can be used for this event. Below are some fun ideas:

- Stacks of books
- Glass bottles (containing mints) labelled “Bigger” and “Smaller”
- Brightly colored, over-the-top enlarged pocket watches made of cardboard
- Mad Hatter Hats turned upside down with various items inside them that match the party
- Stacks of teacups and saucers among a jumble of tea pots
- To represent the Queen of Hearts





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use potted sculpture trees with strategically placed white and red roses

- Playing cards in a range of sizes
- Daisies that come alive
- An assortment of clocks
- Door Handles
- Pearls and porcelain rabbits placed among the tea party essentials

DINNER SET-UP

Tables will be brightly decorated with over-the-top fantasy colors and mismatched but complementary serving pieces and combinations of saucers, tea cups and tea pots. A long table will offer desserts and be scattered with tea pots. The desserts will be raised to varying levels, possibly on stacks of books to create the varying heights. Consider mixing in some eight foot tables or setting up kings table as your

dinner tables – not all tables need to be round.

Chairs wrapped in black spandex with white bands or a variety of different mismatched chairs could be used as in the tea party setting.

BAR AND CUSTOM DRINK

We will place drinks in miniature milk bottles with sayings such as Drink Me, Bigger, Smaller. These will be either small white milk bottles or clear bottles with bright colored alcohol concoctions. These are a great place for custom labeling.

PHOTO OPS

Have two large empty frames set up in an area designated for photos.





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- One frame will have photos of a white rabbit with a pocket watch and a background with the garden of the Queens Castle
- One frame will be for photos for the night. The backdrop should sit behind the frame with space for guests to stand between the two. A fun Wonderland background will be the perfect touch to help guests remember the fun event.

INTERACTIVE FUN

Themed entertainers will walk throughout the event and interact with guests.

CHARACTERS

We suggest having interactive elements in this very exciting childlike experience by adding in actors or members of your staff that will not only look amazing but add to the experience of the evening.

The following list of characters can be incorporated into the theme with costuming:

- White Rabbit – who's always in a hurry – Use the white rabbit to encourage guests to sit at their seats when the program is about to begin.
- Very colorful caterpillar smoking a hookah pipe
- Grinning cat
- The March Hare
- The Crazy Professor
- Young lady
- Dormouse
- The King and Queen of Hearts
- The Mock Turtle
- Flamingos – used as croquet mallets
- Knave of Hearts

