

LIVE LAUGH LOVE...
FRIENDS

TEA PARTY



Organizer's Guide



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What are Live Laugh Love® Projects?

Live Laugh Love® was founded on the core philosophy that life should be lived with heart! What you live for...what makes you laugh... what you love... can be different for each person, but when you put your heart and soul into them, it makes life worth living. Every day becomes an adventure that brings more excitement, more joy, more satisfaction. We've created Live Laugh Love Projects to help you do that. They are fun, easy ways for you to get involved with something you care about and bring positive changes to your community. So if you want to live a life that is inspired and that inspires others, then Live Laugh Love projects are made for you.

Life is better when you really live, laugh and love.

When you embrace life, you appreciate it and you want it to be the best it can be -- not only for you, but for everyone. And the best life is one that is lived to the full, one filled with laughter and love. Whether you live laugh love nature and animals, or people and community, these Projects offer something that will speak to your heart.

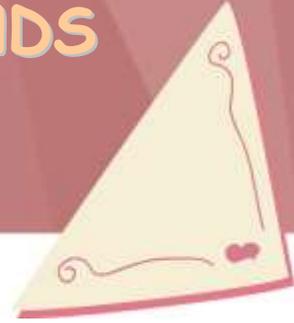
Change starts with you.

We give you all the information you need to organize and successfully carry out great initiatives that will not only benefit the wildlife and community around you, but will give you the opportunity to have fun as you build and grow relationships with your friends, family and neighbors. So don't sit around and wait for someone else to do it. Every person is unique and has something important to contribute. Each of us can make choices that bring beauty, love and good into the world we live in. Will you?

So jump in. Have fun.
Make a difference.

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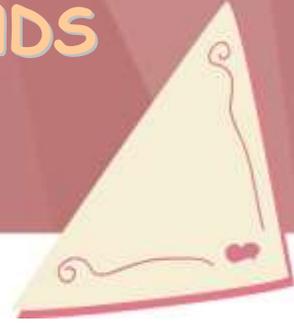


Okay, so a tea party may make you think of older British ladies with flowered dresses in English gardens but they can also be fun, flirty and fresh. Ideal for girls and women of all ages, a tea party is a great way for you to connect with friends or the females in your family. It's also a great way to celebrate Mother's Day, a birthday, or a shower.

So get started on this fun, new party idea and use it to put your own personal spin on a time-honored classic. It's just the thing to brighten a dreary winter or a fun new way to enjoy a hot summer day.

Celebrate life. Live, laugh and love to the full.

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Introduction

Ready for something new and different to do with friends or family? Having a tea party is fun, easy and a refreshing change from the "same old same old". It can be as simple or elaborate as you want. The main goal: Have a TEA-rrific time!

Special skills

If you can organize and like to have fun then keep reading. This is simple and easy to do.

Group size

This activity is meant to build relationships. It's a great way to get together with close friends or female family members.

Time Commitment

Plan for an afternoon tea party. 3-5 hours is enough time depending on how many people are joining.

All Over Benefits

Food, fun, friends, family. What more do we need to say?

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PROJECT GUIDE

Step 1: Plan the tea party

Details should be decided on this step. Here's where you get to show your personality

A. Who's coming?

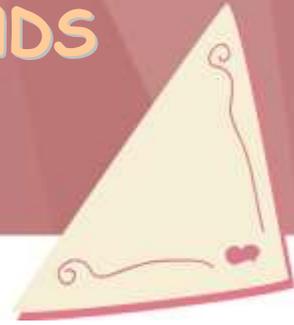
Determine who you will invite: your best friends, your sister, mom, cousin?

B. What is the theme?

This is when you can really have fun with it. You can go traditional or you can do something more "out of the box".

- a. **Traditional Garden Party** - This is a fun party to have during the spring when it's not too hot to spend a comfortable, refreshing afternoon outdoors. Spring calls to mind flowers, so that can be a central theme to your decoration. Think daffodils or tulips. Serve with cool cucumber and egg salad sandwiches and scones with jam and clotted cream. You can also include fruit and cheese platters. Teas: Darjeeling, Earl Grey, Moroccan Mint, Ceylon. Party favor: Flower seed packet.
- b. **Asian Themed Party** - Inspired by traditional Chinese teas, this is a fun way to explore the culture of another country. Decorate with silk accents and rich jeweled colors. If you can invest in a Chinese tea pot and cups it will bring even more authenticity to the party. Party favor: Decorated mini tin of loose flavored tea. Teas: Oolong, Green Tea, Chinese Honeydew White Tea, Jasmine and Ginger tea.
- c. **Iced Tea Party** - Ideal for a hot summer day, the iced tea party is a cool, refreshing spin off the traditional hot tea experience. You can accompany the drink with fresh lemonade, as well as light fruit tarts, cold fruit and pasta salads or sandwiches, and let's not forget the sorbet. Keep the cool theme going by decorating with accents of mint and citrus. Some great tea

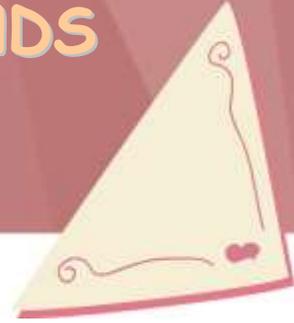
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choices: Moroccan mint, Rooibos Tropical Iced Tea, Sweet Cranberry or Peach or Raspberry Iced Tea. Party favor: Personalized mini jar of strawberry jam.

- d. **Cozy Winter Tea Party** - This works best when you can host it in front of a warm fire. If not, light some candles with homey winter scents like cranberry, apple pie or pumpkin spice and create a warm, inviting atmosphere. Teas: Orange cranberry spice, Chocolate Raspberry Truffle, Earl Grey, Black Dragon, Chai-Spice. Party favor: winter-theme scented candle.
- e. **Book Club Tea Party** - Choose a book ahead of time to read and then discuss it at the party. This can become an ongoing monthly get-together or a one-time event. Either way, it will be fun and interesting. To make it more interesting you can ask each guest to bring her own unique cup and saucer and share any interesting story behind it with the group. Teas: anything will do unless you want to link the type of tea to the book you are reading. Party Favor: book mark.
- f. **Spa & Tea Party** - start the afternoon off with an at-home spa experience with friends (manicures, pedicures, facials) and then finish the day off with some light snacks and refreshing teas. Party favor: Nail polish or lavender sachet. Teas: green tea, lemon, orange, lavender tea.
- g. **Tea Tasting Party** - Have each friend bring a different type of tea that you all can try. Ask each guest to also bring a grab bag gift of \$10 or less that you can use as party favors for everyone. Gifts should be tea related, of course!
- h. **Mad Hatter Tea Party** - Inspired by the story, Alice In Wonderland, have each friend come wearing a crazy hat. You can have prizes for the wackiest, most colorful and most eye-catching hat. Decorate in funky, mismatched

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colors and try to find teas that are just as creative and unique. Party favor: brightly colored "Eat Me" Cookie.

- i. **Around the World Tea Party** - Serve teas from different countries around the world and continue the theme by offering various foods from around the world. It will be fun and give you a chance to learn about new, exotic places. Teas: Moroccan Mint, Darjeeling (India), Ceylon (Sri Lanka), Dragonwell Green Tea (China), English Breakfast (UK). Party favor: metal tea infuser.
- j. **Live Laugh Love Tea Party** - You can plan this around Valentine's Day. Decorate with reds and pinks, (don't forget some roses for the table!). Have each friend bring the type of chocolate, tea or dessert that she loves the most. Other fun foods: Chocolate covered strawberries, scones with dried cherries, strawberry or cherry tarts. Teas: Cherry Rose Green Tea, Darjeeling, Earl Grey and Vanilla Rooibos. Party favor: mouthwatering Red Velvet cupcake with heart decoration.

C. When and Where?

This will be determined based upon the theme you choose and how many people you want to invite.

D. Arrange for food and beverages

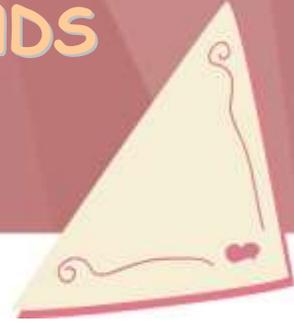
- Will you provide all of the food and beverages or will you ask each friend to bring something?
- If you supply everything, determine ahead of time if any friends will pitch in with a few extra dollars to help.
- Plan your menu based on your theme.

E. Plan the entertainment

You may just want to eat and hang out with your friends and listen to music. Or on a cold winter evening you may want to play some movies or games.

F. Create and send the invitations

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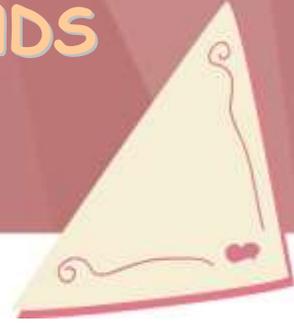
- Depending on the theme you can go the traditional route and mail invitations or you can create and e-vite online.
- Be sure to give people at least 3 weeks' notice to ensure a good turn-out.

Step 2: Enjoy yourself

Helpful and Fun Tips

- If you want to have a traditional tea party, try using mismatched china to add a little charm.
- During the winter, use hot apple or cranberry juice in place of water to brew tea.
- Candles or flowers make great center pieces.
- Encourage friends to bring their favorite recipe to the party to share with the other guests.
- Scheduling the tea party around holiday times can add a new twist. Winter tea parties can be decorated in cool silvers and whites or you can plan the party around fall holidays like Thanksgiving and decorate with apples, cinnamon and offer hot apple cider to your menu along with the tea.
- Make sure you have the necessary amount of tea-ware for the event, including teapots, infusers, teacups, spoons, etc.
- You will need sweeteners (natural and artificial), lemons, milk, cream, butter and jam.
- Add lumps of sugar for a touch of elegance.
- Set up should begin about 2 hours prior to the start of the party.
- Begin boiling water and setting out food about 10 minutes prior to when the party is scheduled to begin.
- If this is your first tea party, then start out small - no more than 4 to 6 people.

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- Why you did it
- A story if you like
- Anything else!

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SO TAKE SOME TIME, SHARE YOUR HEART, AND HELP US MAKE THE WORLD A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE LAUGH LOVE.

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