

Cooking Up a Cupcake Party!

HERE'S A SWEET IDEA: a *Cupcake Diaries* party with your friends! Fun, friends, and frosting are the perfect mix, and we've got just the recipe for it!



Party Supplies

1. Invitations (Don't worry, we have the perfect one for you to use!)
2. Cupcakes (Make sure they're plain so everyone can decorate their own!)
3. Cupcake Decorating Bar (Need help coming up with ideas? Look at the Cupcake Decorating Bar page for some sweet inspiration!)
4. Plates and napkins
5. Aprons or old t-shirts (You'd better cover up—being a cupcake genius can get messy!)
6. Miniature paper boxes or bags, so your guests can take home their treats
7. Copies of the *Cupcake Diaries* for inspiration and recipe ideas



Available wherever books are sold!

Helpful Hints

Try to bake or buy the cupcakes the night before so you have one less thing to do before the party! It's the perfect opportunity to use a recipe from one of the *Cupcake Diaries*' books.

Make sure to have extra cupcakes for your guests.

Tidy up during the party to make it easier (and faster!) to clean afterward. You'll be glad you did!

Check with your guests beforehand about any food allergies they might have, to make sure that everyone can have a good time!



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When: _____

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Bring your favorite cupcake decorations for a sweet time!



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The Icing on Your Cupcake Party!

What's almost as fun as eating cupcakes?
Why, decorating them, of course!

Your guests will love decorating their own cupcakes, and it's so easy to set up a cupcake decorating bar! All you need is a big table or counter (don't forget to cover it up with a disposable tablecloth or sheet), lots of bowls for the decorations, and a sweet tooth!

Here's a list of supplies, in case you need some inspiration!


1. Disposable tablecloth (or newspaper)
2. Spoons, knives, toothpicks, and miniature spatulas
3. Icing: Vanilla, Chocolate...What's YOUR favorite icing flavor?
4. Food coloring (Here's a hint: Gel colors are easiest to use!)
5. Miniature stencils
6. Sprinkles
7. Edible glitter
8. Mini candies
9. Chocolate chips
10. Crushed or miniature cookies
11. Coconut shavings
12. Gummy bears
13. Candy flowers, like the ones Mia found for the lemon cupcakes!
14. Marshmallows, for a super-gooey, extra sweet cupcake like the ones the girls made at Alexis' house!





Make Your Own Chef's Hat!

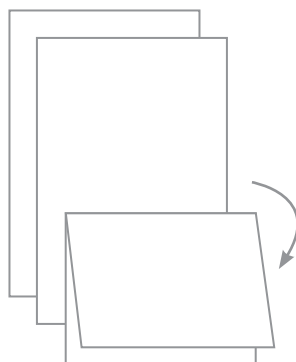
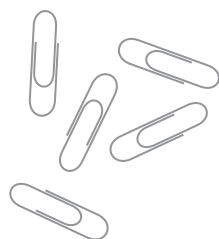
If you're going to be in the Cupcake Club, you need to look the part. Here's an easy way to make a chef's hat!




You'll need White poster board, white tissue paper, tape, paper clips

Instructions

1. Cut the poster board into a band 26 inches long and 3 1/2 inches high. Write each guest's name on the poster board.
2. Take three sheets of 20- by 30-inch white tissue paper and fold each one in half, length-wise.
3. Gather and tape one of the short sides of each sheet along the hat band, overlapping the sheets slightly.
3. Curl the band so the tape side is out and wrap it around your head to measure; paper clip the ends so it fits.
4. Take the hat back off, and gather the loose ends of the tissue paper. Tape it tightly together and cut off the extra tissue.
5. Pull off the paper clips, and turn the band right-side out again.
6. Use tape (instead of the paper clips) to hold the band together so it will fit on your head, puff up the tissue, and you're ready to go!



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Cupcake Sprinkles

Who says cupcake decorations can't be competitive?



Here's what you need to play this super fun beanbag toss game!

1. A clean cupcake or muffin baking pan
2. A piece of colored tape
3. Number stickers, or numbers drawn on small pieces of paper
4. At least three small beanbags, about 3"x3". You can buy these at your local dollar store or hobby shop, but they're easy to make also. Fill up small bags with dried rice, dry beans, or small bean bag plastic pellets.

To set the game up, put a clean cupcake baking pan on the floor with numbers in each cup (the first row is 1, the second row is 2, etc.), and stick a piece of tape to the floor about four feet away from the pan.

Now you're ready to play! Have your guests take turns lining up behind the tape. Each person gets three bags to toss into the pan. After their turn, total up the numbers of the cups their bean bags land in.

The person with the highest score wins!





Cupcake Diaries Club

Why not create your own *Cupcake Diaries'* club? It's easy to get started, and you have the *Cupcake Diaries* books to help you!



The most important things you need to get started are:

1. A sweet tooth! Do you L-O-V-E cupcakes?
2. Members, of course! You can invite your friends; the Cupcake Diaries club is a great way to make new ones, too. And to help you make the club official, we've created a membership card you can print out or a membership widget to post.
3. Organization! A little bit of organization always helps get things going. Sometimes the easiest way to start is figure out what you want to do and how you want to do it. Will your club bake the cupcakes to give away, like helping out a food shelter, or will you bake them to share among the club members? Will you have club officers, or will everyone share responsibilities?
4. A taste for fun! Don't forget to have a good time!



