



## INTRODUCTION AND PARTY INVITATIONS

Little girls love *Barbie*<sup>®</sup> doll. She is a favorite doll for many and the perfect party inspiration for girls who love to play with her and her make-believe world. Gussy up your home and invite all of your daughter's friends to spend an afternoon with *Barbie*.

### Champagne Glass Invitations

Purchase small plastic champagne tumblers and use a paint pen to write the guests' names on the rims. Fill the stems with party confetti and place a small slip of paper inside each glass with the party details on it. Ask the kids to bring their glasses with them to the party so that they can drink out of them during the party meal.

Alternatively, using heavy pink cardstock, create an invitation card with a picture of your child and her *Barbie* dolls on the front and the party details on the inside.

Make sure to invite your guests and their *Barbie* dolls to attend the party, and to have extra *Barbie* dolls available in case some of your guests do not have a *Barbie* doll.

## DECORATIONS

Mark the party spot by hanging pink, purple, and pearly white balloons around the front of your home.

Place a banner over your front door saying, "Welcome to The *Barbie*<sup>®</sup> Dream House<sup>®</sup>."

Make tissue paper flowers and butterflies, and place on your party walls.

Hang twinkle lights around the front entranceway to your party to add a special effect. Cover the party table with a pink *Barbie*<sup>™</sup> tablecloth or use a solid-colored pink or purple tablecloth.

Ensure that each place setting has a *Barbie* plate, napkin, cup, and utensils.

Place a vase of pink flowers as a centerpiece.



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Enhance the centerpiece by adding any *Barbie* dolls your child may have, or use a *Barbie* centerpiece.

Cover the birthday child's seat with a white sheet and tie a pink bow around it.

Cut several pieces of curling ribbon one to two feet long. Curl the ribbon by pulling it between your thumb and the blade of scissors. Spread the curls on your table.

Hang several balloons in bunches. For the best effect, tie a colorful ribbon around each bunch of balloons.

Attach *Barbie* streamers to a light fixture over the center of the party table to add to the festive environment.

Hang colored streamers to doorframes, so the guests get to walk through them.

Create multicolor streamers by placing two different colored streamers back-to-back and twisting them (try pink and white, or pink and purple).

Purchase pink poster board, cut it into rectangles, draw lines around the edges of the rectangles to make them look like windows, and use sticky tape to temporarily attach them to the walls of your party area.

Create a *Barbie* runway by wrapping pink cloth around cardboard. Elevate the runway by putting blocks or books underneath.

### GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

Greet the guests as they arrive by welcoming them to "The *Barbie*® Dream House®" and hand each guest a *Dream Time Barbie*™ Tiara or another pink accessory from the Dream Dazzlers collection. (Boys may prefer a king's crown.)

Also, give each guest a *Barbie* party name and call them by this name throughout the party. If boys are attending, you can call them Ken 1, Ken 2, etc.

Direct the guests to a party area that has pencils, crayons, and activity books (with mazes, letter-number searches and dot-to-dot) to keep them busy until everyone arrives.

Fill a jar with pink jellybeans and have the guests guess how many are in it. The guest with the closest guess may take the jellybean jar home.

Create a **Fashion Design Mural**. Trace the outlines of the dolls onto white butcher paper. Try to make a couple of doll tracings for each expected guest. Write the initials



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of each guest next to the doll tracings. Tell the guests to find their initials, and design the outfits for their princesses using the markers, crayons and glitter. This mural makes a great keepsake. You can also cut the mural with a scissors and mail each guest's design creations with thank you cards.

**Barbie® Fashion Show.** Have guests dress up their *Barbie* dolls. Each guest describes her *Barbie* doll's clothes while she walks her *Barbie*™ doll down the runway, stops and turns around, and then walks back up the runway while fashion show music plays. If the guests are particularly creative, suggest they put on a Broadway Show with their *Barbie* dolls. Let them rehearse for a while, and then watch the show.

**Play Queen and King of the Castle.** Arrange the group: birthday child standing on one side of the room, facing the wall; guests line up on the other side of the room. Guests are to sneak up and touch the birthday child on the shoulder. Caution everyone: the birthday child is to turn around on hearing a sound or movement. That person must go back to the starting line and start over. The guest who succeeds in tapping the birthday child on the shoulder is the new queen (or king) of the castle. Begin the game again.

**Call from "Barbie."** Hide party treat bags in various locations near the party area. Make a list of the party favor locations, and give the list to a female helper. Tell the female helper to disappear at some point during the party, turn on the music, and use a cell phone to call the birthday child's house.

The female helper calls the child's house (background princess music playing). You answer and announce to everyone that "*Barbie*" has called and wants to speak to the birthday child. "*Barbie*" extends her best wishes to the child, and gives the location of a hidden present. Then, give every guest a quick chance to talk to "*Barbie*" on the phone. When referring to the list and checking off the locations, "*Barbie*" tells each guest where the hidden presents are located.



**Play Pass the Princess Wand.** Tell the children to sit in a circle and explain that when the music starts they must pass the wand as quickly as possible. When the music stops, the child holding the wand must leave the game. Let that child keep the wand. Hand the group another wand, and turn the music back on to continue. The game ends when everyone is out, and everyone has a wand.

**Lily Pad Moat Crossing.** Cut out four large lily pads (approx. 12" x 15") from green cardboard or foam board. Divide guests into two equal lines; give two lily pads to the head of each line. Explain that the lily pads are the only things they can step on as they travel from the front of the line, around a chair, and back to the line again. Begin the game by having the children place one lily pad on the ground and step on it; then place the other lily pad on the ground in front and step on it. They then pick up the first lily pad and place it on the ground in front of the other. When they cross the moat, they hand the two lily pads to the next player in line. The team to make it all the way across the moat first is the winner.

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**Jellybean Toss.** Wrap a small quantity of jellybeans in plastic wrap. Wrap tissue paper around the plastic wrap, and tie closed with a ribbon. Repeat this until there are four jellybean bags per child. Line up the guests, and hand each person four jellybean bags. Explain that they should toss the jellybean bags from various distances into the bowl.

**What's *Barbie*® Missing?** Create a tray with 10-15 items of Barbie dolls favorite things: lipstick, perfume, hair clips, hairbrush, compact mirror, etc. Let the kids have 2 minutes to look at all of the items on the tray. Then remove a few of the items. See if they can determine what Barbie is missing!

### PARTY MENU

Serve **Heart-Shaped Sandwiches.** Use your birthday child's favorite fillings and cut sandwiches into heart shapes.

Serve **Pink Macaroni & Cheese.** Use macaroni, white cheese and red food coloring. Combine to make pink.

Serve **Pink Fruit Skewers.** Use raspberries, strawberries, and watermelon to make a fresh fruit surprise. Serve with strawberry yogurt.

Serve carrot and celery sticks with ranch dressing.

Serve **Pink Popcorn.** You will need: 2 cups sugar, 1 cup light corn syrup, 2/3 cup margarine, 2 packs flavored powder drink mix (pink or red), and 1 teaspoon soda. Boil sugar, corn syrup, and margarine together for 3 minutes. Stir in soda and powder drink mix. Pour over 6 quarts of popcorn. Bake at 225°F for 45 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes. Remove from oven and break up immediately.

**Make Pink Lemonade.** Serve pink lemonade in pretty punch glasses. Place a cherry or strawberry on the rim of each glass.

For extra fun: Fill an ice cube tray with water, and let sit for 20 minutes (this allows air bubbles to settle, and will result in clearer ice cubes so the berries can be seen). Place a small cherry or strawberry into each cube, and then freeze.

Serve a **Pink *Barbie* Smoothie.** Use vanilla ice cream, an apple, orange, and cherries. Blend and top with whipped cream and cherries.

Make **Star Cookies.** Prepare the birthday child's favorite cookies and cut into star shapes before baking. Decorate with pink sprinkles/jimmies.

Make ***Barbie* Parfaits.** Layer yogurt, granola, and fresh fruit. Repeat layers once or twice in each cup and top with whipped cream. Serve with long spoon.



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Make a *Barbie*™ Cake. Ice two to three round cakes. Place the cakes on top of one another. Slide a *Barbie* doll through the center of the cake. To make sure the cakes do not split, use a knife to hollow out a small circular area before sliding the *Barbie* doll into the center.

### PARTY FAVORS

Prepare a goody bag for each child, to be distributed at the end of the party, as a memento of the day. Fill each bag with items such as *Barbie* tiaras, confetti, blowouts, necklaces, sunglasses, little notebooks, *Barbie* stickers, candy, and bubble gum.

For an additional activity, have guests decorate their own party bags at the start of the party, using stickers, stamps, and crayons.

Make sure to take pictures of the party guests playing with their *Barbie* dolls together, and to send these pictures with your *Barbie* thank you notes.



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