

Strawberry Shortcake Party Planning Ideas

Strawberry Shortcake is the sweetest theme for a little girl's party. Not only popular today, but Strawberry Shortcake has proven to be a timeless classic. Moms may remember their own fondness of Strawberry and friends.

Jan. 28, 2009 - *PRLog* -- Invitations: Make your Strawberry Shortcake birthday party invitations in strawberry shapes. Cut the shapes out of red construction paper. Decorate one side with black oval shaped dots (seeds) and the text - "Your invited to a Berry Special Birthday Party!" Write all the party details on the other side. Fill a clear cellophane bag with green paper shreds or Easter basket fill and strawberry flavoured wrapped candies. Put the strawberry shaped invite inside the bag. Tie each bag with a pink ribbon, and then attach a name tag to the ribbon.

Decorations: Decorate your Strawberry Shortcake birthday party area in red, pink, and lime green colors. Have lots of balloons and paper streamers throughout the area. Put dots on red balloons with black markers and attach green streamers for vines. You can helium fill them and have them floating around the ceiling or tape them to a focal wall or party area. Make strawberries out of construction paper and tape them to the walls of the party area. Bring out all your SSC dolls and toys for decoration and play. Light strawberry scented candles around the room to give it that familiar Strawberryland smell. Hang Strawberry Shortcake posters on the wall and fill a few vases or clear bottles with red and pink flowers. A neat centerpiece idea is to simply blow up a red balloon, add some strawberry seeds with black marker and cut out 2 or 3 large strawberry leaves out of craft felt or foam. Attach the leaves to the top of the balloon. Place into a wicker basket or decorative bowl and Voila - Your very own strawberry centerpiece!

Crafts: Make Strawberryland Caps -All of the characters in Strawberryland have their own special and unique hats. The children at your party can make their own hats to take home. Use craft foam visors, solid coloured baseball caps or straw hats as a base. Use stick on jewels, shapes, feathers, gel pens etc. to decorate their special and unique caps. Plant a Berry Plant - If the season allows, plant your very own strawberry plant or seed in a small planting pot for the guests to take home and nurture and watch grow.

Games: "Berry Mash" - Blow up red (strawberry), blue (blueberry) and magenta (raspberry) latex balloons. Place some small slips of paper with a prize written on it in some of the balloons. Small trinkets like 'candy' or 'sticker.' On the command "Go," have the kids stomp or sit on the balloons to make them pop and get their prizes. Before the game, explain to the kids that if they get more prizes than some other players, it would be great to do as Strawberry Shortcake would do - Share! Or perhaps once they find 3 slips of paper they are done and can collect their prizes. Berry Patch Hunt- Before the birthday party, string a ball of green yarn (strawberry vines) around the yard or a specific area indoors. Make sure to go around, through, under, and over as many objects as possible. The better the maze, the more fun the children will have unraveling the vines. Remember: If the vines go under and around - the kids do to! Begin stringing the vine at convenient spot to hide the final prize like a treasure box filled with loot bags! Work your way backwards, hiding favors, fun messages, or hints about the prize along the vine's path. Remember that the place where you finish stringing is the spot where the children will begin.

Menu: Have a Strawberry Social! Strawberry Rolls: Spread a thin layer of cream cheese on several soft

tortillas. Top with a layer of strawberry jam and roll up each one. Cut each tortilla roll in 3 sections. Spear with frilly toothpicks to hold the rolls together. You can even make a blueberry or raspberry version. Chocolate Covered Strawberries - Dip fresh Strawberries into hot milk chocolate or white chocolate and gently place onto a platter covered with wax paper. Let set overnight in refrigerator. The dessert can be a traditional strawberry flavoured cake with strawberry ice cream or for something different try serving individual strawberry shortcake Dessert. A berry punch is the perfect addition to this menu. A simple recipe is: 1 litre 7-Up or Sprite, 1 can of frozen tropical punch juice and 1.5 cans of water. Top with frozen blueberries right before.

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