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Ask a grown-up to help you choose which activities you would like to do at your party.

You might not be able to do them all!

Guidelines for Grown-Ups

Party planning

This book is packed with ideas to help you and your child throw a special Room on the Broom party, from invitations to decorations to making party food.

You'll find ideas for a variety of games and activities in this book too. To help you choose which to do, think about the age of your child and of their guests, and what they might be able to do and enjoy the most. You might also want to consider if you'll be holding the party indoors or outdoors and how much space the children will have to play in, as some games need more space than others.

Grown-up help

The instructions in this book are written for your child to follow, but he or she will often need a grown-up to help, particularly when preparing food, or for activities which require scissors or cutting – depending on the child's age. Children should be able to make most of the decorations and crafts, but may need a grown-up to help with the more fiddly steps. Some crafts might also be a bit messy so be sure to protect clothes, furniture and floors!

Kitchen safety

Supervise children at all times when preparing food. Remind them to wash their hands before getting started with any food preparation, and be sure to keep children away from sharp knives and anything hot.

At the party

Make sure there's enough grown-up supervision for the number of children at the party, so everyone can have lots of fun, stay safe and so you can relax and enjoy the party, too!

Witch's Party Tips

Why not follow the witch's tips for hosting your very own Room on the Broom party?

- Greet your guests by smiling and saying hello to each person as they arrive.
- Don't forget to say 'thank you' if your guests bring presents. It's also nice to send thank you notes after your party.
- Listen to your grown-ups. Their rules mean that you and your guests stay safe while also having lots of fun.
- Make sure everyone has a turn at your games and activities. As you're the host, it's polite to let your guests go first. Be a good sport and cheer for the winners.
- Be sure to share any food and treats with your guests. After all, you've invited them to your party!
- Say goodbye to each of your guests when they leave and thank them for coming.

You could start your party with a Room on the Broom story time!

That way you can be sure your guests know about your party theme, even if they haven't read the story before.

Invite Your Friends

The first thing you need to do when you're having a party is let your friends know about it. Ask a grown-up to help you work out how many guests you can invite, then make each guest one of these magical invitations.

You will need:

A photocopier
Safety scissors
A pen

It's best to invite your friends a few weeks before your party.

Joke Time!

How does the witch know when it's party time?

She uses her witch watch!

What to do:

1. Ask your grown-up to photocopy these invitations so you have enough for all your guests.

2. Carefully cut out the invitations with a pair of safety scissors.

3. Fill in the blanks with your guest's name and to tell them the time and date of your party as well as where it will be.

4. Remember to write your name on the 'from' line and your grown-up's phone number or email address on the RSVP line so your guests can let you know if they're coming to your party.

5. Give your invitations out to your friends, or post them. You might need a grown-up's help with this, too.

RSVP stands for "répondez s'il vous plaît".

It's French for "reply please!"

Iggety, ziggety, zaggety, ZOOM!

Dear _____,

Please come to my
Room on the Broom party.

When: _____

Where: _____

RSVP: _____

From _____

Iggety, ziggety, zaggety, ZOOM!

Dear _____,

Please come to my
Room on the Broom party.

When: _____

Where: _____

RSVP: _____

From _____

Let's Party Paper Chains

Now you've invited your guests it's time to think about decorations! Why not start by making some paper chains? They can be any colours you like. How about black and orange, like the witch's hat and plait?

You will need:

A4 coloured paper
Safety scissors
Glue or sticky tape

What to do:

1 Turn a sheet of A4 paper so a long side is facing you. Using your safety scissors, carefully cut from top to bottom to make ten strips, each about 2cm wide. These strips will become the loops of your paper chain.

2 Do this as many times as you like with different coloured paper so you have lots of strips in all the colours you want for your final chains.

3 Make a loop with the first strip of paper and stick the ends together with glue or sticky tape.

4 Slot another strip of paper through the first loop and join the ends to make a second loop. Perhaps this strip could be a different colour, to start a pattern. Stick the ends together with glue or sticky tape.

5 Carry on adding strips of paper to make more loops until you have your chain. You can make it as long as you like!

Glowing Wands

They shot through the sky to the back of beyond.
The witch clutched her bow but let go of her wand.

Your guests won't want to let go of these brilliant glowing wands. You can make one for each of them and use the wands as place cards at the table for your party tea, or just hand them out for fun.

You will need:

A pencil
Tracing paper
Glow sticks (enough for you and all of your guests)
Coloured card
Safety scissors
Sticky tape
A pen
Glue

What to do:

1 Use a pencil to trace this star onto tracing paper. Stick it onto a piece of card and then use your safety scissors to carefully cut it out to make a stencil.

2 Draw around the stencil onto the coloured card. Make sure you draw enough stars for you and all of your guests.

3 Carefully cut out your stars.

4 Write the name of each guest on a star with a pen. Don't forget to make one for yourself!

5 To make the wands, use sticky tape to fix each star to the end of a glow stick.

6 As you pass out the wands to your guests, tell everyone to bend the sticks to make their wands glow.

If you dim the lights a bit, you'll see the glow of the wands better.

Joke Time!

What do frogs eat at the cinema?

Hop corn!