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# IT'S PARTY TIME!

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## Right where you want 'em

Before you plan any party, be sure to ask yourself if your apartment is suitable to host it. Keep in mind that guests may get rowdy and show little respect for your belongings so it might be best to keep valuable items aside. However, that's not to say that you need keep track of everyone all night, so let loose a little (but not too much) because everyone just wants to have some fun at a party.

If you're worried about the after-party hassles, consider renting a venue instead. For those who

can afford to splurge, renting a function room or even a yacht might be a good idea to have a blast. A bungalow chalet will work just as well. It may add to your party expenses, but to be able to keep your apartment unscathed? It's a bargain.

Wherever you choose to have your party, do ensure that it's spacious enough to hold all of your guests and allow you to have activities that are fitting of your theme. Once that's set, you're already halfway there to having to a great time.

## Party like it's 1759

After you've nailed down the venue, it's time for you to think of a party theme that will leave a lasting impression on your guests. According to Shirley Toh from Buddy Jane Events Management, people today have become more conscious of how a themed party can enable guests to have a better lasting impression as compared to a non-themed one.

Whether it's a Mafia black and white theme, an Old-School Prom theme, or even an extreme costume party theme like Cosplay, a party theme will unquestionably make any event more colourful.

"People love a good fun but ensure that your guests attending understand the theme well and will know how to dress accordingly," said Ms Toh. It'd be a laugh if a guest turns up as a Matrix character at your Star Wars party! Make sure you state the theme clearly to avoid any confusion.

## It's all in the details

If you're thinking about dragging every chair, bench or stool in your place into the living room, or renting those folding plastic chairs for the party, forget it. Providing fewer seats for your guests means there'll be more mingling and socialising and add to the energy levels of your party.

Bathroom management is also often overlooked at parties. Guests will be swarming the bathroom throughout the night, so ensure that there are enough bath towels, soap and toilet paper before the party begins. But remember to pack up your personal toiletries away to prevent any misuse.

In terms of décor, Shirley recommends that all party planners have a colour theme. "Many find pastel colours very pleasing," she said. "Or you can decide based on the main colours of the holidays if you're having a festive gathering. For Christmas, red and green brings out the mood tremendously."

## People management

Never send your invites too late – or too early. Timing is everything. Tell your guests too early and they'll forget. Tell them too late and you'll be drinking the entire punch bowl by yourself. It's recommended that invitations be sent two to three weeks before to ensure a good turnout.

Don't forget to state clearly the directions to your home too, and if parking spaces are available. It's best to remind your guests to leave their car at home and take the public transport instead if they intend to consume alcohol. Responsible drinking is key!

During the party itself, boot out any unruly partygoers. It may seem harsh, but think of it this way: if you let that drunk friend of yours stay, the other guests will probably go.

## Music to the ears

Music is a must for any party. It takes away the awkwardness of the quiet times during the early stages of a party, and gets people talking, either about music itself, or just by having less people listening in on a conversation.

If you've decided to take on the DJ role yourself, begin by selecting the genre most suitable for the spirit of your party and guests be it RnB, Electronic, or Jazz, and then list down a few artistes that fit into those categories. If you run out of music ideas, you may want to check out websites online that'll automatically connect you to other artistes with similar tunes to the one you've searched for.

Hiring a DJ won't be such a bad idea too if you've got extra cash to splurge, so you can focus on managing the other aspects of the party and have some fun yourself too.

## Dine in, chill out

Unlike what we commonly hear that "less is more", the case of food and beverages is quite the opposite. Make sure you really stock up on the trays of finger food and cartons of Heineken, or you'll find your guests literally digging holes in your kitchen shelves or worst, leaving. Oh, and don't forget the ice too (and lots of it)!

Also, while deciding on the food you'd like to have, keep the party theme in mind so as to maintain consistency throughout your party. "If you'll be hosting more than 25 guests, it'd be best to approach a caterer as it frees up your time in preparing for other party matters", shares Shirley.

Don't forget to prepare drinks for the non-alcohol drinkers too. After all, if you accommodate others, you'll be making the party a lot better for yourself too.

Throwing a large party can be a big undertaking. Be sure you're ready for it! Prepare your party checklist beforehand, bring a camera, have fun and party smart! But if you're feeling lazy, here are a few places you may want to call up to have them do the work for you:

### 1. Buddy Jane

For customised mini parties, simply go to Buddy Jane where they will handle all the head-to-toe arrangements including brainstorming, planning and executing, so be prepared to rack your brains – not and have a blast!

For more information, visit [www.buddyjane.com.sg](http://www.buddyjane.com.sg)

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Maverique specialises in converting the venue into a mobile themed disco complete with high-end laser lighting effects, disco lights, smoke machines and even a deejay spinning!

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With a group of experienced professionals, Chameleon Events provides services ranging from large-scale events such as conferences and company retreats, to small scale ones such as private parties.

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# 派对狂欢好时光

圣诞佳节即将来临，又是派对狂欢的时候！What's Brewing 告诉你办一个成功派对的秘诀：

## 选择地点

想尽情玩乐，不妨考虑租用宴会厅、游艇，或者度假别墅。

## 主题派对

主题鲜明才能让宾客留下难忘的印象并有个愉快的时光。

## 派对布置

建议采用主题色调布置会场，可以增添佳节派对的气氛。

## 及早邀请

最好是派对前的2到3星期发出邀请，并附上地图以确保嘉宾们的到来。

## 好音乐

配合派对主题的好音乐能带动宾客的狂欢情绪，可以选择原创音乐也不妨请DJ到场。

## 美食好酒

各类小吃、冰凉啤酒和其他饮料一定要准备充足。

不想亲力亲为的话，也可以找派对策划公司为你解决问题：

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