



Party Idea: Harry Potter Party

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- Transform Your Home into the Great Hall at Hogwarts on Halloween
- Put a sign over the entrance to the party that says Platform Nine & Three-Quarters.
- Place pumpkins with lighted candles inside throughout your home (out of reach of pets/ small children)
- Create a Sorting Hat centerpiece for your buffet table out of felt. Decorate it with stars, crescent moons, lightning bolts, or any wizard imagery of your choice. The more tattered and frayed it looks, the better.
- Create a centerpiece for another table by filling a large pot with a variety of herbs. Label the table Professor Sprout's class.
- Scatter golden snitches on your buffet table or hang them from ceiling. Create the snitches by spray-painting small plastic balls with gold paint, and gluing feathers to each side in the form of wings.
- Suspend clouds of fluttering crepe paper bats from your ceiling. Hang orange streamers throughout your home.
- Decorate the ceiling with purchased glow-in-the-dark stars (if you will be keeping the lights low), or make your own stars from cutouts covered with aluminum foil.
- Play scary Halloween music with plenty of ghost and goblin sounds.
- Decorate your walls with lightning bolts and portraits of knights in inexpensive old-looking frames (perhaps purchased at yard sales or garage sales).
- Record a tape of someone moaning and play it continuously in bathroom for the 'Moaning Myrtle' effect.
- Hang toy owls over the buffet table.
- Create or purchase potions cauldrons and serve treats in them. If you hire a band, request that they dress as ghosts (ghosts are the house band at Hogwarts).
- Create invitations on parchment paper. On one side put a map to your home, titled "Marauder's Map". On the other, write your invitation details in invisible ink. (recipe at www.budget101.com) include instructions for decoding the message.

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