

Holiday Party Planning



Get in the holiday spirit without spending a fortune when you visit Savers/Value Village thrift stores. Take inspiration from everyday secondhand finds to transform a scene into a chic winter wonderland that is eco-friendly too! Below are some easy party planning ideas to get you on your merry way!



Choose a Theme

Themed parties get guests in the spirit, ideas include:

- “Tacky” Holiday Sweater Party – thrift stores have endless aisles of gaudy holiday sweaters in all shapes and sizes, all at inexpensive prices...throw them on and let the laughter begin!
- Toy Time – invite your neighbors to bring their old toys to make way for the new; take all the toys collected and donate them to the thrift store to help others in need
- White Winter Wonderland – for a chic gathering, ask guests to dress all in winter white, and theme the food is pale hues with all silver, glass and white serving pieces
- Creative Cookie Exchange – ask everyone to bring a batch of their favorite home baked holiday cookie, then provide festive cookie tins and plates for people to mix-and-match the cookies and take them home as a treat



Invitations

- Go green and save money by using simple and free online invitation services
- Or, take a cue from traditions of old and make personalized phone calls to extend a special invitation to each guest

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Décor and Tableware

There's no need to spend a lot of money of décor when you look for ways to repurpose everyday items. A quick trip to the thrift store offers inspiration galore! Make sure to check out these projects on Savers.com and ValueVillage.com!

Tableware:

- Perfect Placemats
- Tea Light Terrariums
- Renewed Napkins and Rings

Décor:

- Winter Wonderland Trees
- Revamped Vases
- Merry Mantle Accent
- Festive Felt Wreath

Gifts:

- Glitter Goodies
- Sweet Hostess Gifts
- Sweater Scrap Ribbons



Entertainment

Spread the holiday cheer with a few group activities, such as:

- White Elephant Gift Exchange – a perfect complement to the tacky sweater party, thrift stores are also have myriad “treasures” that fit this classic gift exchange to a tee, all for just a few dollars.
- Classic Cookies – great for a party with kids, pre-bake dozens of sugar cookies in various holiday shapes (thrift stores are perfect for finding a bevy of creative holiday cookie cutters). Arrange various decorating stations with different colored icing and sprinkles and a fun (and tasty) time will be had by all.

Menu

Consider having a “dessert” party to limit the food budget, and serve classic candies and baked treats. To follow a “green” holiday theme, serve foods that are only sourced from local food vendors or the neighborhood farmer’s market. Also, create a sensational signature beverage using seasonal favorites such as eggnog, cider or cranberries frozen in ice cubes. Whatever you choose, you can pick up the perfect glasses for just a couple dollars each when shopping secondhand.

Music

No need to splurge on a new holiday hits CDs. Thrift stores are the perfect place to find classic discs from every decade.

Have fun!

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