



CAROLE'S TOP TIP
 “Drape decorations from tree branches and bushes – pom poms and bunting are perfect for this and are really colourful and effective”

Our contributing editor, Carole Middleton, set up her family business, Party Pieces, in 1987 after struggling to find party decorations for her own children's parties



“Croquet is perfect for everyone from two year olds to 99 year olds! Leave it set up all summer so it's ready to play.”
 CROQUET SET
 £28 LAURAASHLEY.COM



OUTDOOR PARTIES

WITH **CAROLE MIDDLETON**

FROM GAMES IDEAS TO STYLING SUGGESTIONS, EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO HOST A MAGICAL SUMMER PARTY



“Hanging a pinata from a tree makes for an explosive party game. I love being imaginative with the fillings.”
 MEXICAN PINATA
 £12.99 PARTYPIECES.CO.UK



“The cake is the centrepiece of a birthday party. Go for something fun that matches your theme!”
 BESPOKE SPORTS CAKE
 CAKESBYROBIN.CO.UK

I am thrilled to have joined the Little London team and look forward to updating you on the most exciting products and trends from within the children's entertainment industry. I came up with the idea for Party Pieces when my children were small and I was frustrated with the complete lack of party paraphernalia on the market. It was impossible to find anything easily in the shops and trying to find value-for-money party bag fillers was a complete nightmare! This prompted Michael and I to launch our own small mail order company from a shed in our back garden in 1987, and whilst we've grown in size, we're still very much a family business. I love sourcing and developing

new products and I'm delighted to share my favourite finds with Little London readers. We've always believed that parties do not have to be lavish and expensive occasions and it's amazing what you can achieve by being clever and creative. For this issue, I'm focusing on outdoor parties, which are perfect for the summer months, be it in your back garden or in the local park. Children love being out in the fresh air and there's nothing better than hosting a party outside, plus it saves on tidying up! If you have the space, be well-prepared with a host of outdoor activities. Classic sports day games are great as everyone will know what to do, and there's nothing better for burning off some excess energy!



“There are few bigger draws for children at a party than a bouncy castle!”
 LITTLE TIKES 8X8 BOUNCY CASTLE
 £179.99 ARGOS.CO.UK

PARTY GAME IDEAS

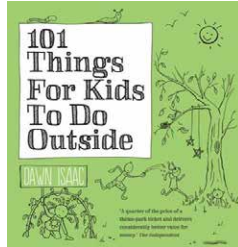


SPORTS DAY SET
£16.99 PARTYPIECES.CO.UK

- What's the time Mr Wolf • **Hoopla** • **Kick the Can** • British bulldog
- Grandmother's Footsteps • **Rounders** • **Egg and Spoon Race** • Obstacle course
- Apple bobbing • **Treasure hunt** • **Sardines** • Welly throwing • **Sack race**

"Scandi-style bunting is perfect for decorating an outdoor party, or a bedroom or playroom after the party has finished."

FABRIC BUNTING **£29.99**
PARTYPIECES.CO.UK



"This has everything from water balloon pinatas to setting up camp. I promise you won't be disappointed!"

100 THINGS FOR KIDS TO DO OUTSIDE **£11.99**
WATERSTONES.COM



"These confetti-balloons will catch everyone's eye."

CONFETTI BALLOON KIT **£11.99**
PARTYPIECES.CO.UK



"Not just for parties, but great for playhouses too."

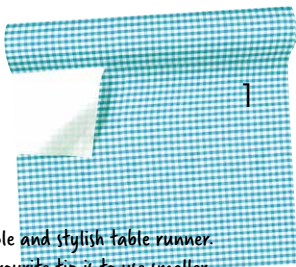
CHILDREN'S CHAIR
£10 IKEA.COM



"Kids love miniature versions of the things us grown-ups love, so set up a stall and let their imagination run free..."

POPCORN PARTY STALL
£14.99 PARTYPIECES.CO.UK

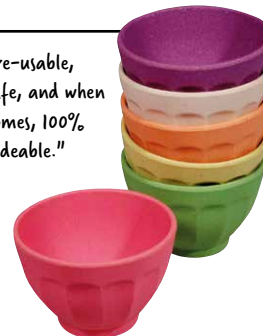
LAY THAT TABLE



"A simple and stylish table runner. My favourite tip is to use smaller pieces as individual placemats."



"Totally re-usable, dishwasher-safe, and when the time comes, 100% biodegradable."



"A napkin roll is so handy when you're picnicking or barbequing."

1. GINGHAM TABLE RUNNER **£6.99 PARTYPIECES.CO.UK**
2. ECO-FRIENDLY SPOONS **£9.50** & COLOURFUL BOWLS **£26 YOURSSUSTAINABLY.COM**
3. MYDRAP NAPKIN ROLL **£14 JOHNLEWIS.COM**