



"Kids love a helium balloon, and this large Mickey balloon will catch everyone's eye."
 MICKEY MOUSE BALLOON
 £4.99 PARTYPIECES.CO.UK



"These party hats are perfect for both boys and girls and always get everyone in the mood for a party."
 RUBY RED POLKA PARTY HAT
 £1.59 FOR EIGHT
 PARTYPIECES.CO.UK

"Cookie cutters are great for pre-party baking."
 SET OF COOKIE CUTTERS
 £1.49 DUNELM-MILL.COM



"Simply delicious! Plus a bespoke cake also means that no-one else will have the same cake as you!"
 BESPOKE DISNEY CAKE £175
 CAKESBYROBIN.CO.UK



"These miniature sweet shop stalls are one of my party must-haves for this year, such an original idea."
 SWEET SHOP STALL
 £14.99 PARTYPIECES.CO.UK



"Don't feel everything has to be Disney branded. Mix and match plain and spotted colours to continue the theme."
 POLKA DOT BOXES
 £1.59 PARTYPIECES.CO.UK

"Everyone enjoys a cool drink or a smoothie (me included!). Get the kids involved and make your own healthy, fruit-packed options."
 MICKEY MOUSE JAM JAR CUP
 £6.95 DISNEYSTORE.CO.UK



PARTY TIME WITH CAROLE MIDDLETON

• CLASSIC DISNEY •

OUR CONTRIBUTING EDITOR AND PARTY EXPERT COVERS EVERYONE'S FAVOURITE MICE, MICKEY AND MINNIE

What is it about the theme of classic Disney that is so enduring?
 Given that Walt Disney created Mickey Mouse nearly 90 years ago, in 1928, I think it has a truly timeless quality as a party theme. It works so well for both boys and girls, it appeals to all ages and has a lovely wholesome quality to it. The children love it and it just never seems to go out of fashion.

Do you think parents like to reflect current trends when planning a party?
 Definitely! And Mickey and Minnie are definitely having a moment right now, with international brands – like Vans and Samsonite – using the images on their products, and artists like Damien Hirst following in Andy Warhol's footsteps by creating Mickey Mouse artwork. Mickey and Minnie are global icons, and we love to help parents channel their cheerful sense of fun and energy into a party setting.

What's your secret to a successful Disney party?
 Start by sending out Disney invitations, in the post or online, to give guests a taster of what's to come. And for the big day itself choose a colour scheme based on either Mickey or Minnie, with gorgeous decorations to set the scene. Make sure you have some activities planned – anything from traditional party games to Mickey cookie decorating – to keep everyone busy, and a centrepiece cake to fit the theme is always a nice touch.

And your top party tip?
 Why not make your Disney party a fancy dress party? Guests will jump at the chance to dress as their favourite Disney icon and the more creative the better.



MICKEY MOUSE GAME £2.99 PARTYPIECES.CO.UK

Keep little ones busy with a hands-on activity that doubles as something to take home

PRESENT IDEAS



Go that extra mile and add the birthday boy or girl's name to a cuddly Mickey Mouse toy



TOP TO BOTTOM: MINNIE ICONIC SCHOOLBAG £45 SAMSONITE.CO.UK PERSONALISED MICKEY £25.90 DISNEYSTORE.CO.UK MICKEY CREWNECK FLEECE £50 VANS.CO.UK LITTLELIFE BAG £22.95 JOHNLEWIS.COM MAKE-UP SET £10 AMAZON.CO.UK MICKEY MOUSE SLIP-ON VANS £32 VANS.CO.UK

CAROLE'S TOP TIP

Try theming your party bags as well, it's so easy to do. Fill them with Mickey and Minnie treats – I especially love these Mickey Mouse ears!



1. RED BAG £1.99 FOR 10 PARTYPIECES.CO.UK 2. MICKEY EARS SET £2.49 FOR FOUR PARTYPIECES.CO.UK 3. CHOCOLATE COINS £0.89 FOR FIVE COINS PARTYPIECES.CO.UK 4. COLOURING SET £2.79 PARTYPIECES.CO.UK 5. PUNCHBALL BALLOON £2.99 FOR FOUR PARTYPIECES.CO.UK 6. LIP SMACKER LIP BALM £2.50 TOPSHOP.COM 7. MICKEY MOUSE FOIL STICKERS £1.25 OCADO.COM