

## Woodland Themed Party on a Budget

As soon as my little one had her first birthday, I knew I wanted to have adorable themed parties. What I was not prepared for was the amount of money needed to have a themed party! This is the third party I've planned and I am finally getting into a groove of how to do a themed party on a budget. I wanted to share a few of my tips and tricks with you as well as pictures from my son's first birthday party.

### 1. Set a budget.

- This is very important because it will determine how many people you can invite. If I just invite family, I have 16 people! Having a concrete budget will help you decide what you can buy pre-made and what you will need to DIY.

### 2. As soon as you know your theme, create a pinterest board and pin a few ideas from that theme.

- I started this a few months out from the party. This saved time because pinterest would put ideas related to my theme in my news feed every day. My vision for the party started shaping up as I created my idea board.

### 3. Start shopping for decorations as soon as possible!

- I started shopping for decorations months in advance. I would look at the sales each week to see if anything I needed was on sale. I also started buying the shelf stable groceries a few weeks in advance. I told my whole family what I was looking for and they kept an eye out as well.

Lincoln's Woodland Birthday Party:

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I made these out of small paper bags. I cut them at an angle to make a fox shape and then glued pieces of paper to bring the fox to life. :) Looking back, it would have been easier if I could've found some sort of punch to cut out all of the shapes. I ended up cutting everything by hand which made it my longest project. These bags were perfect for the trail mix bar. :)



I used regular brown paper bags to create the trail mix bar. I rolled the bags down for easy access and wrote on each bag what it contained.

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I used a round paper punch and a fox paper punch to create this guest book. I added a little twine to make it look like a bunch of balloons. :) The fox punch was the best thing I bought! It allowed me to turn paper and twine into cheap adorable decorations!



This banner was made out of twine, clothes pins and little fox cut outs that I had glued to the clothes pins. I included pictures from birth to 12 months.