HARRY POTTER'S BIRTHDAY KIT

EVENT PLANNER

Inside You’ll Find:
- Reproducible Invitation and Announcement
- Reproducible Puzzles and Word Finds
- Suggestions for Decorations, Refreshments, Activities, and More!

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It's Harry's Birthday!

Harry's birthday is July 31st, a perfect opportunity to host a party that all his fans can enjoy. Just as with real birthday parties, it's okay to celebrate on a day that's more convenient for everyone to attend. And do you know who Harry shares his birthday with? None other than J. K. Rowling! A birthday party for Harry and J. K. Rowling in your store or library will allow everyone to celebrate the magical feeling of reading Harry Potter books.

Announce Your Party

If you have a store newsletter or Web site, start by advertising the party there.

Reproduce the enclosed invitation. Hand out these invitations or keep them next to the register.

Use the announcement in addition to the invitation. Hang it next to the register, in your store window, or on the bulletin board in your library.

Set a Spellbinding Birthday Party Scene

It's not a party if you don't have decorations—you can use streamers and balloons. But remember to keep it magical, perhaps with stars on the ceiling like in the Hogwarts Great Hall. You could also have members of your staff dress up as characters like Hagrid or Professor McGonagall. You can even hire a magician to perform some old-fashioned Muggle magic.

Give your store a Hogwarts feel by creating Golden Snitch ceiling decorations: Paint ping-pong balls gold, add a feather to each side, then suspend them from the ceiling using clear thread or fishing line. You can also paint and suspend brooms to serve as Firebolts. Banners with the House names—Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, Slytherin, and Gryffindor—would also look great.

If you'd like to serve refreshments, section off one area and recreate Hogsmeade, the only all-wizard village in the world. Drinks can be served at everyone's favorite pub-style hangout, the Three Broomsticks. Root-beer floats make a great stand-in for butterbeer. Treats can be served at Honeydukes, the town's sweetshop. It might be hard to find Chocolate Frogs and Pepper Imps, so use your imagination and create substitutes with things like malt balls and red-hot cinnamon candies. (*Please remember you must set up these stations and refreshments in your store. There cannot be any additional charge for these treats. You cannot include other commercial establishments—restaurants, candy shops, etc., in the event.)

Fun and Games

Harry Potter fans take pride in their knowledge of J. K. Rowling's richly detailed series, so give them a chance to show off!

In addition to the reproducible Word Find, Scrambled Word Game, Crossword Puzzle, and Create a Card activities provided, here are some ideas to make your Harry Potter Party one that Muggles will remember.
Let’s Talk Harry

Give fans of all ages a chance to share their thoughts and ideas about the fascinating characters, plots, and settings of the Harry Potter books.

Here are some questions to help you get started:

If you could choose to be in any Hogwarts house, which would you choose, and why?

Who is your favorite character, and why?

Who is your least favorite character, and why?

Which Hogwarts professor do you think would give the toughest homework?

Would you rather have a Firebolt, an Invisibility Cloak, or a Gringotts vault full of wizard money? Why did you choose that?

If you could give Harry Potter a birthday present, what would it be, and why?

“What Book Is It From?”

One of the great things about the Harry Potter series is that each book introduces new characters, animals, spells, and magical objects not found in the Muggle world. Have your guests guess in which book someone or something was introduced. For example, Dolores Umbridge was first introduced in *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*. Use the reproducible sheet provided to test your guests’ memories, or think up some of your own questions.

Mugglephone

A great way to get people laughing is to arrange them in a circle and start a game of what Muggles call “Telephone.” Start with a simple message, “I would like to wish Harry Potter a happy birthday, and I hope he gets a Chocolate Frog.” Whisper the message to one member of the circle, then have members whisper the message from person to person. Let the person at the end of the line shout what he thinks he heard. You can then play again and again by choosing lines or passages from all seven books.

Create a Sorting Hat

Using the reproducible sheet provided, place the Hogwarts Sorting Hat Name Tags in a sufficiently magical-looking wizard’s hat. Let the guests take one from the Sorting Hat, and have them fill in their names on the Name Tags.
Make Your Own Magic Wand

Set up a crafts station where children can make their own magical wands. Have chopsticks or straws available for children to decorate. Label containers of glitter: phoenix feather (red), dragon heartstring (gold), and unicorn hair (silver).

Harry Potter A–Z Game

Starting with an “A” word or character name from Harry Potter, like “Apparate” or “Azkaban,” ask the group to go through the alphabet (thinking of other Harry Potter words or character names) till they get to “Z.”

Stuck on a letter? Don’t worry. Use the reproducible sheet provided to keep the game going.

Take Home Magical Memories

A Harry Potter birthday party is a terrific opportunity to make new friends and share your love of reading. Take plenty of pictures—later you can tack them to a bulletin board or hand them out to those you photographed. Thanks to you, your event will showcase Harry’s most magical gift of all—his power to bring people together.
It's a special birthday even and more.
activities,
Games,
Held with
and J. K. Rowling's magical books.
Join us as we celebrate Harry Potter's birthday.

A PARTY
HIM
THROWING
WERE

CELEBRATE
HARRY POTTER'S
BIRTHDAY...

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We’re throwing a party for Harry Potter and J.K. Rowling’s magical books!

Join us for a special birthday event filled with games, activities, and more.

Date: __________________________
Time: __________________________
Place: __________________________
Phone: __________________________
Contact: __________________________
There's no better way to celebrate Harry's birthday than by making him a card. We started one, but it's up to you to finish it. Use the blank areas to draw a picture, write a message, or both.
HARRY POTTER BIRTHDAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

You don’t need to be a wizard to know all the answers—but you do need to be a fan of Harry Potter. Show him how happy you are to celebrate his birthday by completing the crossword puzzle below.

ACROSS
2. Harry Potter and the ________ of Fire.
3. Harry Potter and the ________ of Secrets.
6. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s ________.
7. Harry Potter and the ________ Hallows.
8. Ron, Fred, and George’s last name.
11. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood ________.
12. Mad-Eye Moody’s first name.
13. Professor Dumbledore’s first name.
14. ________ 2000, a type of broomstick.

DOWN
1. Dudley’s last name.
2. Hermione’s last name.
4. Harry Potter and the Prisoner of ________.
5. Harry Potter and the ________ of the Phoenix.
9. Professor Snape’s first name.
10. Professor McGonagall’s first name.
HARRY POTTER BIRTHDAY

Word Find

It's Harry's birthday—and he's celebrating with some of his friends. See how many names you can find hidden in the word find below.

R R K X R K C N P F Y P X L Y
G E T D T H U N Q S V N K U V
E L E P I K O G L F G J N P Q
O L H D A R R V W C R T B I Y
R I H G V O G E I X P E H N G
G V Q E D I Z A A G E C D Y N
E E X S R V B M H C V B J Y O
M N F U E M S X B Q H Q J H U
T Z M I X S I G F P E E V E S
I U P R W V D O L W N J R V I
D F J I Q A F I N P X U Y V E
O S D S K N O T Z E E U T F V
B I G K B Y Z L V L U N A U L
B D G P H F D B F S B D O H C
Y X W W W I J R K V V S U A U

Cho  George  Kreacher  Peeves
Dobby  Ginny  Luna  Ron
Fleur  Hagrid  Lupin  Sirius
Fred  Hermione  Neville  Tonks
Harry Potter Birthday Scrambled Word Game

Harry Potter loves birthday parties as much as the next kid. Below is a list of things you might find at a birthday party. How many can you unscramble?

1. keac
2. dsleanc
3. sseetnrp
4. thsa
5. cismu
6. dnserif
7. msgea
8. nkssca
9. ehsWSI
10. racsd
11. ssrtermae
12. cdearootisn

HARRY POTTER BIRTHDAY
A–Z CHALLENGE

Celebrate Harry's birthday by showing him you know everything about him, from A – Z.
Starting with an A word or character name from Harry Potter, like "apparate" or "Azkaban," ask the group
to go through the alphabet (thinking of other Harry Potter words or character names) till they get to "Z."

If the group gets stuck, use this list to keep the game going.

A
Aragog
Auror
Azkaban

B
Ludo Bagman
Basilisk
Blast-Ended Skrewt

C
Chamber of Secrets
Cho Chang
Chocolate Frogs

D
Deathly Hallows
Diagon Alley
Dobby

E
Eeylops Owl Emporium
Expecto Patronum!
Errol

F
Fang
Firebolt
Fizzing Whizbees

G
Goblet of Fire
Golden Snitch
Gryffindor House

H
Hedwig
Hippogriff
Hogwarts

I
Impediment Jinx
Imperius Curse
Invisibility Cloak

J
Jelly Slugs
Angelina Johnson
Bertha Jorkins

K
Keeper
Knockturn Alley
Viktor Krum

L
Leaky Cauldron
Gilderoy Lockhart
Neville Longbottom

M
Draco Malfoy
Marauder’s Map
Professor Minerva
McGonagall

N
N.E.W.T.s
Nearly Headless Nick
Nimbus Two Thousand

O
O.W.L.s
Ollivander
Omnioculars

P
Paraside
Patronus
Privet Drive

Q
Quaffle
Quidditch
Professor Quirrell

R
Ravenclaw House
Riddikulus
Tom Riddle

S
Shrieking Shack
Slytherin House
Severus Snape

T
Time-Turner
Transfiguration
Triwizard Tournament

U
U-No-Poo
Unforgivable Curses
Unicorn

V
Veela
Veritaserum
Lord Voldemort

W
Wand
Ginny Weasley
Whomping Willow

X
Xenophilius Lovegood

Y
Yaxley
You-Know-Who

Z
Blaise Zabini
Rose Zeller
Zonko’s Joke Shop
Harry Potter
“What Book Is It From?” Challenge

Each book in the Harry Potter series introduces new characters, animals, spells, and magical objects not found in the Muggle world. Pick from the list of examples below (or think up some of your own) and challenge your guests to guess in which book someone, or something, was introduced.

**Book #1:**
*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*
- Chocolate Frogs
- Hagrid
- Diagon Alley
- Nimbus Two Thousand
- Sorting Hat
- The Mirror of Erised
- Norbert the Norwegian Ridgeback
- Firenze the Centaur

**Book #2:**
*Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*
- Dobby
- Gilderoy Lockhart
- The Whomping Willow
- Polyjuice Potion
- Moaning Myrtle
- Tom Marvolo Riddle
- Aragog
- Basilisk

**Book #3:**
*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*
- The Knight Bus
- The Firebolt
- Sneakoscope
- Professor Lupin
- Boggarts
- The Marauder's Map
- Crookshanks
- A Time-Turner

**Book #4:**
*Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*
- Viktor Krum
- Rita Skeeter
- Mad-Eye Moody
- Blast-Ended Skrewts
- Merpeople
- The Pensieve
- Bartemius Crouch

**Book #5:**
*Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*
- Kreacher
- Luna Lovegood
- Ludicrous Patents Office
- Dumbledore's Army
- Occlumency
- Fountain of Magical Brethren
- Amelia Bones
- Dolores Umbridge

**Book #6:**
*Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*
- The Slug Club
- Felix Felicis
- The House of Gaunt
- U-No-Poo
- Unbreakable Vow
- Horcruxes
- Sectumsempra!

**Book #7:**
*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*
- The Silver Doe
- Malfoy Manor
- The Elder Wand
- Gregorovitch
- Xenophilius
- The Muggle-Born Registration Commission
- The Lost Diadem

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SORTING HAT NAME TAGS

Reproduce the Hogwarts Sorting Hat Name Tags as needed, and place in a sufficiently magical-looking wizard's hat. Let each guest take one from the Sorting Hat, and have them fill in their names.

is a student in Gryffindor House

is a student in Hufflepuff House

is a student in Ravenclaw House

is a student in Slytherin House