

Frugal Fun

Cake Decorating Birthday Party



Planning a super fun and memorable birthday party for your child doesn't have to be daunting. In fact, it can be a piece of cake with this unique and affordable party idea. Let each guest at your child's party personalize and decorate their very own cake. Little chefs will have a blast concocting their custom confections with their favorite colors and treats... and your child's party will be the talk of the playground. Plus, you'll have a party activity and take-home favor all wrapped up in one fun idea!

Shop at Dollar Tree – Here's What You'll Need:

- One Cake for Each Child (You can bake ahead of time and get several from one boxed mix)
- Cake Icing, Enough for Each Child Plus Extra (Let's face it... kids LOVE icing!)
- Decorating Icing in a Variety of Colors, Placed into Icing Piping Bags (Hunt for **Easy Icing Piping Bags** on this month's Value Seekers Club page)
- A Variety of Toppings and Decorations (Colored sugar, sprinkles, cookies, bite-sized chocolates, chewy candies, etc.)
- Sheets of Parchment Paper or Wax Paper (Enough for each child to decorate their cake on)

Easy Step-by-Step Directions:

1. Set out a sheet of parchment or wax paper and a cake for each child on top of a large table.
2. Place cake icing, decorating icing, and bowls filled with the different cake toppings in the middle of the table.
3. Place a disposable plastic curtain liner on the floor under to your table (trust us, you'll be glad you did).
4. When it's time, put each child in front of a blank cake and let their creativity and imaginations run wild.

Fun Tips:

- Time-Saving Tip – If you are hosting a large group of children, don't make yourself crazy baking all of the cakes at once. You can make them up to a week early, wrap them tightly in plastic, and then freeze until the day before the party. Just make sure you remove the cakes from the freezer and allow enough time to thaw. Or, you could opt for decorating cupcakes or cookies instead. As long as there is icing and candy involved, the kids will have a blast!
- Cake decorating can be a messy job... help little ones keep their clothes clean by purchasing an apron from Dollar Tree for each child attending the party. They can write their names on the aprons and decorate with markers before the festivities begin. Plus, they make great party favors.
- Need a cake stand? Purchase a Glass Taper Candleholder and a Large Round Plastic Tray and glue them together... simple, chic, and cost effective!