

# Planning a Murder Mystery Party

Your handy checklist!

## Initial Planning Steps

### Choose Your Game

CHOICE:

### Set the Date and Venue

DETAILS:

## Invitations and Preparation

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### Send out **SAVE THE DATE** cards

This allows you to check who's coming to the party before allocating suspects

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### Send invitations with **character allocations**

If you can, send invitations at least 2-3 weeks in advance to allow time for your guests to find costumes and props

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### Plan menu and write a **shopping list**

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### Plan and order any **decorative touches**

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### Plan your own costume and order anything needed

## Things to Order

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### **Murder Mystery Game Kit**

Even if you order a printed set, you can download immediately allowing you to start planning.

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### **Costumes and accessories**

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### **Decorations to match the theme**

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### **Food and drink**

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### **Stationery**

e.g. notebooks and pens for detective work (optional)

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### **Prizes for the winners**

(optional)

## 1 Week Before the Event



### Look through the materials

Make sure you understand how the game works.

If unsure, play the free trial game "Death by PowerPoint" with friends; this was designed as an introduction kit so you could understand the format with a 15 minute play through.



### Print or prepare all materials needed

We do not recommend sending game booklets to guests before the party - as if someone forgets theirs - it ruins the flow.



### Test any audio or video components

Ensure that you can both find them, and make them work on your devices!



### Re-check attendance with guests

If you have any "flaky" guests - or lose guests - we still have time to do something about this for you!

You can read more on this blog:

[How to remove a character from a murder mystery game at the last minute?](https://www.red-herring-games.com/how-to-remove-a-character-from-a-murder-mystery-game-at-the-last-minute/)

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## Final Preparations



### 2 days before the event

Buy all the food and drink you need



### 1 day before the event

If you can prepare in advance anything like the chilled dessert or decorations, do this a day early!

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## Day of the Event

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**Decorate the venue**

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**Cook the meal**

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**Get into costume**

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**Be the Host with the Most!**

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**Have an absolute blast of a party!**

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**Wrap Up**

Thank guests for attending and share photos from the event