

## Stuffin' Party Birthday Parties To Go

We have enclosed the following for your party:

Animals with their head, arms and legs pre-stuffed (This is optional. Some parents like the idea of prestuffed limbs for younger children);

Enough fluff to hand-stuff the tummies (or entire animal if limbs not pre-stuffed);

Stars;

Birth Certificates;

Bows;

A list of party games, Bradley Bear Story, and Coloring pages.

What you will need to have on hand:

Scissors;

Crayons or other coloring materials;

Brushes to groom the animals

The following suggestions are offered as a guide in conducting your Stuffin' Party:

1. Create a theme for your party. Teddy bear picnics, tea parties, fantasy parties (with wizard, princess and fairy costumes), hero parties (with firefighter, police and military costumes), rodeos (with our horse or cow in cowboy or cowgirl costumes), sleepovers or pizza parties are some of the more popular ideas. Combine themes for a memorable party. The possibilities are endless.
2. Once the guests arrive, gather them and, depending upon age, read them the story of Bradley Bear. At the end of the story, the animals are passed out to the guests.
3. If requested, we have pre-stuffed the head, arms and legs of the animals in your party package. We have done this because, while it is not difficult to stuff the tummy of the furry friends, it can be difficult to hand-stuff the arms, legs and head for children under 5 years.
4. To stuff the teddy bear, make sure zipper is open. If you have purchased sound modules, place the sound module inside the tummy or hands of the animal BEFORE you start to stuff.

5. The animal should be "soft", so that it is huggable. The more fluff you add, the harder and less huggable the bear becomes.
6. Once the animal is stuffed, each person takes a star. They will be making a wish on the star to be inserted inside the tummy of the teddy bear. You may do this as a group activity (everyone making their wish at once), or create a show for each person to make their wish. After the wish on the star is made, each person gives the star a kiss and lovingly places the star inside their new furry friend.
7. Now you are ready to close up the back of the animals. Simply close the zipper and cut the string. If you need to reopen the zipper, straighten a paper clip and insert into the zipper (where the string was), pull up and open the zipper. Your animal might also have a Velcro enclosure over the zipper, simply pull off the white fabric tab and press the Velcro strips closed.
8. If you have chosen an outfit for the animals, it is now time to dress them. If you are doing the teddy tee shirt party, it is time to decorate with fabric markers. (remember to place a piece of cardboard between the front and the back of the shirt so the paint does not bleed through)
9. Each child will then get a bow for their animal. If the animal is a girl animal, it is fun to ask the child if they want the bow on the ear or around the neck. Little girl animals like bows on their ears. Little boy animals only like it around their neck - they get upset if the bows are put on their ears.
10. Each guest will put their name tag on their animal. You may now do a naming ceremony or simply hand each person a birth certificate for their animal. They can fill out the certificate at that time or take it home and do it with their family. If you do a naming ceremony, each child comes up with their animal and announces the birth of their new friend, giving it a name. The animal is introduced to the group, and then the guest and their friend goes back to the group. If you give the birth certificate for them to take home later, roll tightly, secure with a small rubber band and place it in the carry home bag.
11. Once this part of the party is over, you may play games or use the coloring pages as additional activities.

Have fun!!!!