



### **Top Trends for YOUR Super Sweet 16!**

The Sweet 16 is an iconic birthday celebration in America, and the trend has only become more popular over time. Since hits like MTV's reality show *My Super Sweet 16* and movies like *Sixteen Candles*, the sweet 16 has only become a bigger deal. So here are some trends and tips for planning your own super sweet 16 bash!

### **The Theme Sets the Tone**

Every good party needs some central theme to help coordinate the decorations, party favors, cake, entertainment, and possibly even the dress. You wouldn't show up to a Hawaiian Luau themed party in a tux or ball-gown right? This is why the theme is so important for your party. Themes

can be as simplistic or as extravagant as you want, as long as you have the space to pull it off. Here are some of the hottest party themes for sweet 16's this year:

- Dance party. This is great if you want to have a good time, and well, dance the night away with your friends and family. This is also a great idea if you want to have a dance that isn't run by your school, meaning the music will actually be songs you like and the food will be leagues better
- Beach theme. This is more casual and laid back, your guests can come dressed for a day at the beach and you can even give out beach themed items, like leis, to get your guests in the party mood.
- Under the stars theme. This seems like a dance party, but will have an overall romantic feel
- Pretty in pink theme. Think big, think *Legally Blonde*, Elle Woods-style. This is perfect for the girl who loves pink and knows just how to wear it, accessorize with it, and rock it.

### **Location, Location, Location**

It's important for your party that you have the right space, you can't really have a dance party in the average living room, unless you like to be really, *really* close to all of your guests.

- Consider using a venue, like a reception hall, restaurant, or country club.
- Use party tent and be outside. The tent will still provide you with plenty of space, and you can still have a dance floor, plus it is perfect for an under the stars themed party.

The main thing is that you and all of your guests are comfortable and can have a good time. With sweet 16's becoming huge parties, a venue is really the way to go and is a very popular trend with sweet 16's.

### **Dress Shopping Is The Fun Part**

Depending on your theme and your own personal style, you might want your guests to dress up.

- Make sure if you want people to dress to impress to note that on the invitations so your guests know!
- For your own dress, go for the big fancy ball-gowns or at least prom-esque dresses, and many guys opt to wear a suit or a tux for their own party. This helps you stand out and makes your party just that much more sophisticated.

It really all depends on your theme and what you are comfortable in. But of course you want to make sure you stand out at your party, so take into consideration how you have asked your guests to dress when selecting your own style.

### **Last, But Not Least – What To Eat?**

The food at any party is important, but especially for your big birthday bash. You want the food to be delicious, but also not something that your guests have to fuss over, especially if you are having a dance party.

- Cater your party. This allows for you to have wait staff if you want, making the food easy to find, and if you keep the menu to appetizers, it won't stop anyone from dancing.
- Keep your guests hydrated! Make sure to have a clear drink area. This is not only super sophisticated, but will make sure that no one passes out from dehydration.
- Cake. The cake can be as elaborate as you want, and in fact, right now the trend is to have them fancy. If you want something a little more unique, go for a pull-apart cupcake cake. You won't have to worry about cutting anything and the guests can just grab their own individual cupcake from the group.

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