

La Marée

Prepared for Theo's 7th birthday · Crystal Cove State Park, Newport Coast, California

SAMPLE DESIGN — INSPIRATIONAL VENUE, REAL PRODUCTS, FICTIONAL GUESTS

10 children's places · diamond-kite activity · counted flowers · printable kit

Your brief

OCCASION

Theo turns 7

GUESTS

10 kids + parents

VENUE

Crystal Cove State Park — beach day-use area

VIBE

“Beach adventure, but make it beautiful — no pirate clip-art”

LOVES

The ocean, kites, building things

SELECTED ITEMS

\$160.47 · furniture and essentials separate

The concept



Concept illustration — picnic mats share the palette; optional cotton rugs offer a closer woven texture

Two low wooden tables, crisp coastal stripes and tiny white flowers let the coast do the decorating. Navy, white and turquoise picnic mats anchor the seating; two small paper sailboats bring a seafoam accent to the center of the table. The mats have a smooth textile surface and waterproof backing. For a woven finish closer to the illustration, choose the optional cotton rugs below.

Each child decorates a white diamond kite, then takes it home with its own wound line handle. Keep the factory colored tails attached. The beach setup uses no balloons, stakes or glass.

An inspirational landmark — Alela is not affiliated with the venue and does not manage it. Crystal Cove prohibits balloons, glass on sand and ground staking. Park approval for the exact site, furniture, shade, kite activity and any event/photo permit remains open. Do not collect natural materials. Keep clear of protected areas and other beach users.

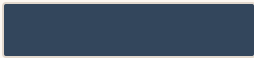
Color story



Cream
#FDF8F2



Seafoam
#BFD8CE



Navy
#33465C



Sand
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Driftwood
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Tablescape & décor plan

Two regular tables	Plan with two stable 48 × 30-inch low picnic tables end to end: a 96 × 30-inch run, five children on each long side, with the short ends clear. These are planning dimensions, not measurements taken from the image. Test seating height and ten full place settings before hiring. Do not balance loose boards on crates.
The picnic mats	Lay two 80 × 80-inch mats end to end for a 160 × 80-inch footprint. Center the 96 × 30-inch table run: 32 inches at each short end and 25 inches along each long side for cushions. Keep the join flat beneath the table and walking routes clear. Test the actual cushions and table height before packing; waterproof backing does not make the setup sand-free.
Four small flower vessels	Four clear, stable PET vessels, approximately 4–5 inches tall, hold three 9-inch Ling’s moment sprays each. Use 12 of the 18 sprays; keep six spare. Each spray contains several branches: do not count those branches as separate purchased stems.
The place setting	One 9-inch navy-striped paper plate, white napkin, gold plastic fork and spoon, and clear reusable plastic cup. Lunch and cake need separate plates. The child service is counted below; parent numbers still need confirmation.
The paper fleet	Make two seafoam card sailboats using the supplied fold-and-glue hull, triangular sail and short paper-straw mast. They are tabletop models, not water toys. Keep them packed if the wind lifts paper; collect every offcut.
The Alela Moment — a kite portrait	After decorating, one adult organizes small supervised flying groups while another takes photographs. Confirm permission and suitable wind first. If flying is unsuitable, photograph each child holding their decorated kite, then save the launch for another day.

Your shopping list

For ten children: two striped picnic mats, plates for lunch and cake, a kite activity with take-home favors, four flower arrangements and gold cutlery. Selected purchases total \$160.47 before tax, shipping and the required essentials listed below. Woven rugs and fresh flowers are optional substitutions and are not included in the main cart.

ITEM	PACKS	PER PACK	
ZAZE 80 × 80-inch picnic mat · Blue and White Stripe Two foldable picnic mats with navy, white and turquoise stripes and waterproof backing. Smooth textile finish, rather than a woven rug. 4.7/5, 1,804 ratings.	2	\$23.74	view →
Fun Express navy-striped 9-inch paper plates · 25 10 lunch + 10 cake + 5 spare. Strong visual match; 4.7/5 from only 10 ratings, no written reviews available.	1	\$16.02	view →
Mint's Colorful Life white diamond kites · 20-pack 35 × 35-inch kites. Allocate 10 guest kits, two rehearsal/replacement kits and eight unused. Keep factory tails and handles. 4.2/5, 3,369 pooled ratings; both successful flights and breakage are reported. Flight-test one.	1	\$54.99	view →
Ling's moment white baby's-breath sprays · 18 Short 9-inch wired plastic sprays: 12 for four vessels, six spare. 4.6/5, 405 ratings. Keep detached blooms and enclosed wire ends away from children.	1	\$31.99	view →
FOCUSLINE gold plastic cutlery · 75 pieces 25 forks + 25 spoons + 25 knives. Use 10 forks at lunch and 10 spoons for cake; reserve five of each for mishaps and ten of each for parents if sufficient.	1	\$9.99	view →

Amazon shortlist: \$160.47

Add this shortlist to cart

Prices checked September 7–8, 2026, per retail pack before tax and shipping; coupons excluded. Confirm price and delivery before ordering. Reviews may cover several variants; physical samples have not been tested. Alela receives no commissions from these shopping links.

Optional: woven cotton rugs

For a more textured finish, substitute two SAFAVIEH Montauk rugs for the two picnic mats. Their broad navy-and-ivory stripes have no turquoise. Indoor cotton flatweave; use only for a temporary setup on clean, dry sand or in an approved sheltered location.

OPTIONAL REPLACEMENT	PACKS	PER PACK	
SAFAVIEH Montauk MTK712H · 5 × 8 feet · Navy / Ivory Handwoven cotton. 4.1/5, 50 ratings; positive comments on the look and feel, with some reports of pulls and stretched edges. Inspect one before committing to the pair.	2	\$85.28	view →

\$170.56 for the pair, replacing \$47.48 of picnic mats: **+\$123.08**. Selected purchases with this option: **\$283.55**, before tax, shipping and required extras. Not in the main cart; choose the mats or rugs, not both.

Place the 8-foot edges together for a 10 × 8-foot footprint, with the join beneath the table. Center the table run, allowing 12 inches at the short ends and 33 inches along each side. Flatten edges before seating guests. Shake out sand, follow the care label for spot-cleaning and dry fully before storing; do not assume machine washing.

If you prefer real flowers

Replace the entire \$31.99 artificial baby’s-breath pack with this fresh option. Four vessels use three branching fresh stems each: 12 used, with 18 remaining for conditioning losses and home arrangements. Start sparse and test the volume; fresh stems vary. This bulk pack is expensive for four small vessels and is an optional upgrade, excluded from the main cart.

Supplier check: Flower Moxie has 4.8/5 from 261 WeddingWire reviews on September 7, 2026. Recent reviews praise the flowers and support; other customers report delivery problems. These are supplier reviews, not a guarantee for your order. [Read reviews →](#)

FRESH STEMS · FLOWER MOXIE	PACK PRICE	
Small Bloom Baby’s Breath · 30 stems One 30-stem pack; white Million Star-type flowers. Four vessels × three stems; the balance is reserve, not an extra promised centerpiece.	\$117.00	view →

A separate Flower Moxie order. Confirm the event date, delivery ZIP, shipping charge, substitutions and claim deadline before paying.

Linked purchases with fresh table flowers: **\$245.48**, before unpriced essentials, tax and shipping.

Order ahead: allow at least 14 days and confirm the supplier’s current lead time. Schedule arrival about three days before the event. Have clean buckets, flower food and shears ready; unpack, photograph problems immediately, remove submerged foliage, recut and hydrate in a cool room. Keep an artificial backup if delivery or usable yield falls short. Containers must be watertight. Fresh flowers stay away from food and children’s reach.

Planning sources: [Crystal Cove park rules](#) · [Crystal Cove special-event packet](#) · [Flower care and shipping](#)

The favor — what each guest takes home

One decorated kite and its own line handle go home with each child. The two display boats and all flowers stay with the host.

EACH CHILD TAKES HOME	PER CHILD	
One white diamond kite kit from the 20-pack already purchased	\$2.75	view →
A named storage tag from the printable kit; paper and ink separate	To price	printable

About \$2.75 of the kite pack is used per guest; the actual pack purchase is \$54.99 for 20. No bag, extra kite or sailboat purchase is hidden in this favor. Physical packing and flight rehearsal remain to be done.



The honest list — what's not included

These supplies and practical checks are part of making the party work; they are not included in the Amazon subtotal.

REQUIRED: CONFIRM, BORROW, HIRE OR BUY

Furniture, seating and shade	Confirm two stable low tables, ten washable navy/cream cushions and adult-height seating for every parent. Shade is essential to a comfortable beach visit; agree a permitted arrangement with the park. No unapproved canopy, anchors or staking. Furniture, shade, permits and parking are unpriced.
Cups, napkins and adult service	Provide 12 clear reusable plastic cups for the children: ten + two spare; 24 white napkins: ten lunch + ten cake + four spare. Add one cup and two plates per confirmed adult, plus their utensils, napkins and drinking water. Bring filled refill bottles; use no glass.
Four vessels	Borrow or buy four squat clear PET vessels; the renders depict the desired shape, not a separately verified product. Test them filled and with the actual flower sprays. Transport upright in a divided box; count them back in after the party.
The kite studio	Supply two sets of washable coloring markers suitable for the kite material, a wipeable craft surface, two cloths, and the kit's assembly instructions. Test color bleed on a spare kite. Do not assume markers are included in the 20-pack.
Paper and tools	Printable kit: seven US Letter sheets including instructions, 12 name tags, ten activity cards and three boat templates (two + one spare). Use printer-rated matte cream/seafoam card, glue, ruler, scissors, a hole punch and three short paper straws for the boat masts (two + one spare). Keep tags off the flying line; label the handle or sleeve.

Transport and serving	Cooler, food-safe lidded containers, cake knife/server, hand-cleaning supplies, waste bags, towels and first-aid kit. Keep food separate from craft supplies. Carry each 35-inch kite flat or in its factory sleeve with spars stored as directed.
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Season & comfort

A beach day that works	Confirm heat, wind, tide, shade and the park's day-use closing time. Move or postpone if conditions defeat the setup. Keep edges flat and paths clear; the mats do not substitute for shade.
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Parents have a place too	Plan adult chairs, water, toilets and a clear route from parking. Decide who supervises children near the water while other adults handle food and kites.
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A calm alternative	The printed adventure cards and a kite portrait preserve the birthday moment without a windy group launch. Nobody needs to fly all ten kites at once.
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Printables

Kite identity tags	12 blank cream tags: ten children + two spare. Write each name; secure to the storage sleeve or handle after flying, never along the flying line.
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Adventure cards	Ten drawing/prompt cards for decorating and a wind-free activity. Child names are left blank.
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Seafoam sailboat models	Three cut-and-fold templates: make two and keep one spare. Included diagrams show tabs, folds, mast position and final shape. Also includes the ten-place seating plan.
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[Download the printable kit →](#)

US Letter · print at 100% / actual size, not fit-to-page. Check the one-inch test square before cutting. Templates are draft artwork for this sample celebration.

Setup guide

Prepare the crafts at home. Allow two adults around 60–90 minutes on site, plus walking/unloading time and a 20-minute welcome buffer; this is a planning allowance, not a timed installation.



The staging — representative pieces grouped for preparation; use the written quantities

Before the shopping deadline	Confirm the adult count, park permission, tide/weather plan, accessible route, toilets and approved shade. If the planned installation is not permitted, choose an approved site before purchasing event-specific supplies.
One week ahead	Assemble and fly one kite exactly as instructed. Test a second if it fails. Rehearse a place setting, plate strength and vessel stability. Unfold the mats and rehearse the join and cushion clearance. Check seams, backing and the care label before packing.
The day before	Make two boats, prepare 10 named kite kits, count plates and service into separate lunch/cake bundles. Pack flowers and cups upright, markers capped, food chilled separately. Keep two tested spare kites accessible.
On site	Check conditions before unloading. Lay the two mats on clean, level sand in the agreed area, with a flat join beneath the tables. Center the stable tables and add cushions. Keep accessible walking routes clear; relocate if mat edges lift or conditions are unsuitable. Place four low vessels and two boats, then ten settings.
Decorate, then clear	Run two marker stations with an adult available to help. Let ink dry; pack craft supplies before serving food. Keep original spars, tails and bridle unchanged.
The goodbye	Fly only in a clear permitted area under adult supervision, away from roads, overhead lines and people. Wind all strings before handing kites to parents. Check the beach for fragments and take all decoration home. Shake sand off the mats, clean according to the care label and dry fully before folding.

Four airy flower arrangements

Shape and divide	Spread three intact sprays per vessel. Bend stems to fit instead of cutting where possible; any cut wire is enclosed before use. Keep the flowers below seated faces and the base stable.
Choose artificial or fresh	The artificial version needs no water. For fresh baby's breath, use the separately priced fresh-flower recipe and watertight PET vessels; do not put fresh stems in a dry vase.

When the glasses rise

Theo, at seven you already know the two best secrets of the sea: the wind is free, and the day lasts longer barefoot. May your kite always find the breeze. To Theo!

A starting point, not a script — your revisions can tailor it to your people.