

Papillon

Prepared for Lily's 5th birthday · a backyard becomes a meadow

SAMPLE DESIGN — REAL PRODUCTS, FICTIONAL GUESTS

12 places · counted flower recipes · printable kit · assembly guide

Your brief

OCCASION	GUESTS	VENUE
Lily's 5th birthday	12 children, plus their parents	Backyard, afternoon
VIBE	LOVES	GOODS BUDGET
“Butterflies and flowers, dreamy — not princess-pink, no cartoons”	Butterflies, blowing bubbles, yellow	\$150 – \$300

The concept



Concept rendering — the design, visualized

A butterfly meadow lands in your backyard. One low table on the lawn — cream linen, cushions instead of chairs — with wildflowers in jars and paper butterflies hovering above on invisible wire, as if they just arrived. The palette stays soft: blush, butter yellow and pale lavender, nothing neon, nothing cartoon.

The magic trick is height: butterflies float above the table, the balloon garland arcs over one end, and everything else stays low, at a five-year-old's eye level. Guests leave with a flower crown, a butterfly box, and a bubble wand — the whole meadow, to go.



Color story



Cream linen

#FDF8F2



Blush

#F5DCD3



Butter

#F0D98C



Lavender

#C9B8D8



Cocoa

#43272E

Tablescape & décor plan

The square table

Three children per side, with room for mats at the corners. Start by testing a 72-inch square low table with the actual 13.8-inch mats; confirm table height and stable seating with the rental provider. This is a planning size, not a measured dimension from the illustration. Keep a clear route around the table and to the house.

Flowers in the balloon arch

Yes — these are a separate part of the design. Make three small rose-and-leaf clusters: five roses at the upper shoulder, three halfway down, and three near the base. The two flower packs below supply them. The assembly guide explains their attachment; the table daisies are not used here.

Six meadow jars

Use six small, stable jars with three artificial daisy stems each. Add one short greenery branch per jar. Divide the box's three pink baby's-breath stems among alternating jars and its single purple hyacinth into one focal jar. Keep the arrangement airy and below seated faces. Exact petal shapes will vary from the illustrations.

Place settings

Natural woven placemat, scalloped blush plate, fringed dusty-rose napkin, gold fork and spoon, and a clear drinking glass. The lilac flower-and-ribbon crown follows the linked product; sample its fit and finish before ordering twelve. The pale-blush butterfly box remains a sourcing detail.

The Alela Moment — the send-off

Bubble wands come out for one all-together moment — twelve kids, one cloud of bubbles, the photo of the year. The rest go home in the favor boxes.

Your shopping list

Reviewed September 7, 2026. These are proposed selections for 12 children's places. The illustrations follow the selected crown, woven mat and napkin references. Sample the crown for fit and the napkin for finish before ordering every set; the napkin has

limited customer feedback. The linked-items subtotal exceeds the original \$150–\$300 brief and is not a complete party budget.

ITEM	PACKS	PER PACK	
Amandir pastel balloon kit, Purple, 173 pieces Use the blush, yellow and lilac balloons; omit green, metallic gold and confetti. No pump listed. Cream balloons and extra quantities may be needed for the full arch.	1	\$11.99	view →
NatNarr scalloped paper plates, Light Pink, 9-inch, 30-pack Light-pink scalloped paper plates, centred on the larger natural woven placemats in each setting.	1	\$9.99	view →
YANGQIHOME natural water-hyacinth placemats, 13.8-inch, set of 6 Two packs provide twelve woven placemats, the layer beneath each plate in the illustrations. Check the table width with plates and jars in place.	2	\$32.99	view →
Showgeous fringed cotton napkins, Dusty Rose, 16×16, set of 10 Two packs provide 20 napkins. Dusty-rose woven cotton and fringe provide the napkin reference used throughout the illustrations. Sample first: 4.3 stars from 30 ratings at review.	2	\$15.99	view →
FOCUSLINE gold plastic cutlery, 75 pieces 25 forks, 25 knives and 25 spoons. A reflective disposable alternative; it does not have the weight or finish of real metal flatware.	1	\$9.99	view →
Vivivalue layered daisy crown, Purple / colour 91 — one crown The mauve/lilac flowers, green stems and organza ribbon closure provide the crown reference used throughout the illustrations. Listed for women: sample child fit and petal finish before buying twelve. Price is per crown.	12	\$11.99	view →
Wondrus mini bubble wands, white, 100-count Clear 4.2-inch tubes with white round handles: a close match. Use 24 for twelve children; 76 remain. Add ivory ribbon separately.	1	\$19.89	view →
MOBENOOK white mini-daisy bouquet, 18 stems The reusable artificial-flower option: three stems in each of six jars. Pink and purple accents come from the separate flower box below. Keep the selected ready-made crowns separate.	1	\$19.99	view →

Amazon shortlist: \$313.69

Add reviewed shortlist to cart

Amazon selections checked September 7, 2026; not physically tested. Prices exclude tax, shipping and coupons. The arch flowers below are a separate purchase. Table, square cloth, seating, clear cups, favor packaging, cardstock, pump, cream-balloon top-up and support hardware still need pricing. Alela receives no commissions from these shopping links.

The arch flowers & greenery

ORDER SEPARATELY · ONE PACK EACH	PACK PRICE	
Ling's Moment · Blush & Powder Blue Deluxe Combo One box. Reserve 11 roses for the arch: 7 pink/blush, 2 cream and 2 pale lavender. The pink baby's-breath stems and purple hyacinth can accent the jars. Leave the blue blooms, pearls and larger peonies out. Check this exact variant, not just the page title.	\$44.99	view →

Ling’s Moment · Silver Dollar Eucalyptus and Willow Leaf Spray · 5 sprays

\$32.99

[view →](#)

One pack: 2 eucalyptus and 3 willow sprays, each with 5 branches. Allow 6 small branches for the arch and 6 for the jars; the rest are spares. Adult trimming and covered wire ends required.

Proposed flower combination, checked September 7, 2026. Seller-hosted reviews: flower-box page 4.93/5 (29); greenery 4.69/5 (13), including a complaint about leaf orientation. Reviews span the listed products/variants and are not physical verification of this recipe. Sample and turn leaves toward the viewer before the event. These ordinary supplier links are outside the Amazon cart.

Flower packs: \$77.98. With the Amazon shortlist: **\$391.67** before tax, shipping and unpriced essentials. This exceeds the original \$150–\$300 goods brief; a higher budget has not been approved.

Fresh flowers, if you prefer

For fresh table jars, replace the artificial daisies with Flower Moxie feverfew and lavender aster. Keep the reusable arch roses, greenery and ready-made crowns; fresh stems do not supply those parts of the scene.

Flower Moxie: 4.8/5 from 261 WeddingWire reviews, checked September 7, 2026. This is a supplier rating, not a rating of these two products. [Read reviews →](#)

FRESH STEMS · FLOWER MOXIE	PACK PRICE	
Feverfew Chamomile Flower 6 bunches, typically 5–8 stems per bunch. Small white petals and yellow centres echo the daisy jars. Delicate: the supplier advises allowing for 25–35% loss.	\$150.00	view →
Lavender Meadow Aster Flower 30 stems. Branching daisy-like flowers add the purple accents. The product photo is brighter purple than the illustration; use sparingly for a softer effect.	\$105.00	view →

Fresh packs cost \$255 before tax and shipping. They replace the \$19.99 artificial daisy item; keep the arch flower/greenery packs. Bulk packs leave spare stems. The fresh alternative total below includes these substitutions, but still excludes the unpriced essentials.

Linked purchases with fresh table flowers: **\$626.68**, before unpriced essentials, tax and shipping.

Order at least 14 days before your chosen delivery date and leave time to hydrate before the party. Trim stems, remove leaves below the waterline and keep in clean water in a cool room. Start with a few stems per jar, then build lightly. Confirm the delivery date and shipping charge at checkout.

The favor — what each guest takes home

A goody bag is a promise kept at the door. Papillon's is the meadow itself, to go: the butterfly box as the bag, the crown they wore, and the bubbles for the ride home.

EACH CHILD TAKES HOME	PER CHILD	
Pale-blush butterfly favor box 5-inch internal cube starting point; prototype fit, then order 12 plus 2 spares	To price	To source
Vivivalue lilac daisy crown lilac flower-and-ribbon reference used in the illustrations; sample child fit first	\$11.99	view →
Two mini bubble wands one for the send-off, one for home	\$0.40	view →
Tag, ivory ribbon and white shred	To price	To source / print additional finishing materials

The linked crown and bubble allocation is about \$12.39 per child (\$148.65 for twelve, before packaging). Boxes, cutouts, ribbon, shred and tag materials still need pricing. The shopping subtotal buys a full 100-wand pack, not just the 24 wands used here.



The honest list — what's not included

These are required preparations for the illustrated look or the guest experience. Mark each as borrowed, hired, bought or made before ordering. The square furniture, packaging and support still need exact selections and prices; this is a detailed design proposal, not a fully costed shopping basket.

BORROW, HIRE, BUY OR MAKE

Square table, cloth and seating	Confirm one stable low square table, 12 cushions plus 2 spares, a cream blanket and chairs for adults or anyone who cannot sit on the ground. For an even drop: cloth side = tabletop side + twice the drop. A 72-inch table with an 18-inch drop needs a 108-inch square cloth. Measure first; these pieces are unpriced.
Jars and drinking cups	6 small stable flower jars, 12 short clear cups plus 2 spares, water pitchers and a refill station. Clear shatter-resistant cups are a practical child-table option; their material differs from the illustrated glass. Keep water-filled flower jars away from table edges.
Arch support and inflation	Borrow or source one suitable freestanding support with the manufacturer's outdoor-rated anchors/weights, one balloon pump and a garland strip. The image does not establish a safe support system. Confirm the support footprint before ordering. Add cream balloons and any palette top-up after counting the selected kit colours.

Attachment kit	Allow 20 short cable ties, 10 longer ties sized to the support, one roll of floral tape, soft tying cord, scissors and wire cutters. Use 6 small greenery branches for the arch and 6 for the jars from the linked pack. Tie length and anchoring depend on the actual support; these supplies are not priced.
Fourteen favor boxes	12 plain pale-blush folding cube boxes plus 2 spares. Start with a 5-inch internal cube and test two 4.2-inch tubes, a tag and a light bed of white paper shred. External dimensions are not usable space. Allow approximately 15 yards of ivory ribbon, including spare, and one small bag of shred; final fit and supplier still need confirmation.
Paper and butterfly supports	Print the kit on printer-compatible matte cardstock. It provides 16 tags, 16 blank place cards, and silhouette templates. Cut 14 small box butterflies, 6 medium jar butterflies and 3 large arch butterflies in blush, butter and lilac. Add 6 covered florist-wire supports secured to the outside of jars with ends enclosed; keep decorative wire out of children's reach. Secure larger cutouts to the support with soft ties.
The host's practical tray	Cake knife/server, cake plates if separate from the 30 dinner plates, serving utensils, food covers, napkins for adults, drinking cups for parents, a waste bag and a labeled packing box. Parent headcount and menu determine these quantities; food, drink, cake and adult serveware are not in the decor subtotal.

Season & comfort

Shade and a real weather plan	Check the forecast and lawn before setup. Use a genuinely shaded position, accessible water and a confirmed indoor room for the full group. A pop-up canopy is not a severe-weather shelter. Keep the path to the house, bathroom and food area clear.
Children and grown-ups	Confirm parent seating, access needs and dietary requirements in advance. Adults handle uninflated balloons, wire and sharp tools; promptly collect broken balloon pieces. The CPSC advises adult supervision for children under eight around uninflated balloons. Let parents manage insect protection according to the product label rather than assuming a spray suits every child.
A calm arrival	Have water ready, label the favors, keep the floor seating dry and nominate one adult to welcome guests. Provide an ordinary-height seat for anyone who needs it. The host should be greeting people when the party begins, with the craft tools already packed away.

Printables

Place cards	16 blank fold-over cards: 12 guest places and 4 spares. Write names before folding. They are not personalized files.
Butterfly silhouettes	Reusable 2-inch, 3½-inch and 6-inch templates. Trace onto matte blush, butter and lilac cardstock; fold gently along the body for lift. The printed 3D butterfly product has been removed from the cart.

Favor tags	16 “Fly home happy” tags: 12 favors and 4 spares. Punch at the marked circle and tie with ivory ribbon.
Optional birthday pennants	Seven “LILY IS 5” pennants, not an extra decoration required by the images. String on about 2 yards of ribbon; measure the chosen hanging spot first.

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

The staging image shows the styling family, not the full order quantity. Use the allocations and recipe below to pack the complete twelve-place party. Physical samples and a complete quote are still needed before this plan is ready for a real event.



The staging — a representative selection arranged for assembly

Two to three weeks before	Confirm guest and parent counts, access needs, menu/allergies, indoor backup and table footprint. Sample a crown, a complete place setting, one favor box and one floral cluster. Check delivery dates and return windows; photograph the approved samples. For fresh stems, follow the supplier’s advance-order and hydration instructions.
Two to three days before	Count by destination: 12 places, 6 jars, 3 floral clusters and 12 favors. Cut and label the printables; make favors and floral clusters indoors. Pack an extra kit of ties, ribbon, tape, scissors and spare balloons. Test the pump and support. These tasks are separate from party-morning setup.
Day before	Lay out the square-table footprint and all 12 mats to check corner clearance. Iron or steam the cloth as its care label permits. Prepare dry arrangements; hydrate fresh stems separately if chosen. Inflate balloons ahead only if the maker’s guidance and cool indoor storage allow it.
Party morning · plan 2–3 hours with two adults	This is a planning allowance, not a timed test. One adult handles the supported balloon garland; the other sets the blanket, table and places. Allow extra time for a first attempt, fresh flowers or difficult access. Follow the recipe below and stop to resolve any unstable support.

Forty-five minutes
before

Put the six jars in a loose central group with space for serving, then add secured butterflies. Set mats, plates, folded napkins, forks/spoons, cups, checked crowns and favors. Count 12 complete places; keep spare plates/cups and parent seating nearby. Take a photo from the entrance and child eye level to catch visible ties or bare gaps.

Fifteen minutes before,
and after

One adult receives guests while another manages food and water. Keep bubbles for the supervised send-off, away from the eating area and slippery hard surfaces. Afterward, collect burst balloons and wire/cutouts, empty jars, dry reusable flowers and pack by zone for next time.

The floral arch · a practical recipe

1 · Sort and label

Set aside 7 pink/blush roses, 2 cream roses and 2 pale-lavender roses from the exact flower-box variant. Label three bundles: upper = 3 pink + 1 cream + 1 lavender; middle = 2 pink + 1 cream; lower = 2 pink + 1 lavender. Add 2 small greenery branches to each bundle. This is a proposed recipe to sample, not a manufacturer's finished arrangement.

2 · Build the clusters
on a work surface

Fan each pair of leaves behind the roses, with faces pointing outward. Stagger the blooms instead of making a tight round bouquet. Bind stems together with floral tape and a short cable tie. Fold back or trim exposed wire and cover every cut end. Keep the stem tails long enough to attach to the support.

3 · Install the support
and balloons

Set the structure and its prescribed weights/anchors before decorating. Use air, not helium, for the garland. Start with a trial section: mix small and medium balloons within their rated sizes, knot them, then feed knots through the strip following the kit instructions. Tie the strip to the structure at several points. Count usable pastel balloons first; one mixed kit has not been verified to fill the pictured arch.

4 · Attach flowers to
the structure

Use two ties per floral cluster around the support, hidden behind balloons. Put the largest cluster on the upper shoulder; add the two smaller clusters partway down and near the base. Keep stems off the latex, tuck leaves over visible ties and gently check each connection. Do not glue flowers to inflated balloons or rely on balloons to carry their weight. Keep the lower cluster clear of feet and curious hands.

5 · Finish lightly

Add three large paper butterflies to the support with soft ties, above children's reach. View from the arrival path: leave visible balloon sections between flowers, turn leaves to show their good side and fill only obvious gaps. Recheck anchors and connections as weather changes; move the setup indoors when conditions make outdoor use unsuitable.

The finishing details

One complete place

Centre the 9-inch plate on the 13.8-inch woven mat, leaving the weave visible. Fold the dusty-rose napkin with fringe showing; add one fork, one spoon and one cup. Keep the crown and favor clear of the food area. Twelve settings use 12 of 30 plates, 12 of 20 napkins and 12 of each cutlery type; the remainder are spares, not additional guest places.

One finished favor

Test the box before batch assembly. Add a shallow layer of shred, two bubble tubes and a “Fly home happy” tag; loosely tie the tubes together with ivory ribbon. Attach a 2-inch matte butterfly to the box front with paper adhesive and lift its wings. The crown is worn or carried separately. Put out 12 boxes, keeping 2 packaging spares aside.

Butterflies above the jars

Use six 3½-inch cutouts, one per jar. Fix each covered support to the outside of its jar with an enclosed lower end; hide the fixing with a narrow ribbon. Keep the upper wire end fully enclosed behind the paper body. Vary heights modestly without blocking faces. If a support cannot be secured out of reach, omit it and place the cutout flat beside the jar.

When the glasses rise

Five years ago, the smallest guest of honor arrived and rearranged all our furniture and every one of our hearts. Lily — may you always chase butterflies, and may they always let you catch up. To five!

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