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Birthday

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THROW AN  
ADORABLE  
**CHALK-PACKED**  
BIRTHDAY BASH!  
IDEAS AHEAD  
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Let's Chalk

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## CHALK IT OUT

It's time for chalk to kick the classroom scene and make its mark on home sweet home-party style! Just prepare a flat surface with chalkboard paint, and then go to town with chalk markers or chalk sticks. And be sure to let your guests join the fun!

## PREPARING YOUR CHALK SPOT

So your chalk doesn't leave permanent marks, condition your chalkboard by rubbing a piece of chalk (sideways) over the entire surface. Then wipe off the chalk with an eraser—and it's ready. Note: Chalk-marker marks must be removed with a damp cloth.

## TURN THE TABLE

Love statement home décor that can double as the life of the party? Try this: Cover a been-around-the-block wooden table with chalkboard paint. Just sand, prime and upcycle your way to a dine-in spot that begs to be drawn upon.



## PARTY OF FUN

We can't help but love the attention-to-trend look at this birthday bash. But that's not the only thing our party décor has going for it. It lends itself to some serious guest participation—that's why we put chalk at every place setting.



## STRAW AWE

Adhere chalkboard labels back to back for this sipping-pretty design. Then use a craft knife to make cuts to accommodate sweet paper straws. You can make a supply of blanks before the big event and then let guests embellish them as they please.

## HEAD SPACE

Personalized headgear is one more way to let your guests take the party décor into their own hands. We made these simple hats from scrapbook paper and silly oversized pompoms. Then we decked them with self-adhesive chalkboard labels.



## CENTER STAGE

When you're armed with chalkboard paint, no décor needs to live an unembellished life. Case in point: these simple paper-maché boxes. They would make great labeled storage containers, but here, we stacked them to make a party-table centerpiece.



## IN YOUR FAVOR

These self-adhesive labels make it super easy to zone in on the chalkboard trend. Just peel from the backing and press to the surface of your choice. Where to use them? Think favor bags, glass jars, file folders and more!