

Private Party Checklist

Home, backyard, birthday, kids & small groups (up to 20 people) — everything you need from first idea to last brushstroke.

■ IS THIS GUIDE FOR YOU?

Use this checklist if you're hosting:

- A kids' birthday party (ages 5–16)
- A home paint & sip night for friends or family
- A small bridal shower, bachelorette, or girls' night
- A Valentine's or date night paint event
- Any gathering of 5–20 people

■ PLANNING TIMELINE

3–4 Weeks Before

- Pick your theme — sneakers, floral, faith, birthday, holiday, or request a custom one (free!)
- Count your guests and add 2–3 extras (last-minute adds happen!)
- Choose your canvas size: 8×10 for kids, 11×14 for teens and adults
- Decide: Canvas Only (you buy paints) or Paint Kit (paints + brushes included)
- Place your order at custompaintparty.com — allow 5–7 days for shipping

1–2 Weeks Before

- Confirm guest count and check your order is on its way
- Buy tablecloths or a plastic drop cloth to protect surfaces
- Plan your snacks, drinks, and music playlist
- Send a reminder to guests — remind them to wear painting clothes!

Day Before

- Set up your tables — cover with tablecloths
- Pre-fill water cups (one per person)
- Lay out brushes, paints, and paper towels at each station
- Print or display a reference image of the finished painting

Day Of

- Place one canvas per person — face down until everyone is seated (adds excitement!)
- Do a quick 2-minute demo — how to hold the brush, how to mix colors
- Start with the background color — gets everyone painting at the same pace
- Play your playlist — it keeps the energy up and covers any nervous silence
- Take a group photo at the end with everyone holding their finished canvas! ■

■ CANVAS GUIDE FOR SMALL GROUPS

Group	Recommended Size	Best Format
Ages 5–10	8x10 Canvas	Paint Kit — less setup for you
Ages 11–16	8x10 or 11x14	Paint Kit or Canvas Only
Adults (home party)	11x14 Canvas	Canvas Only if you have supplies
Mixed ages	8x10 Canvas	Paint Kit for everyone

■ *Order 2–3 extras so no one is left out if a canvas gets ruined.*

■ SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

Per person:

- 1 pre-drawn canvas
- Water cup
- Paper plate for mixing
- 3–4 brushes (flat + round)
- Paper towels
- Apron or old shirt

For the space:

- Tablecloth or drop cloth
- Extra white paint (you always need more)
- Wet wipes for quick cleanups
- Good lighting
- Reference painting displayed at the front

Nice to have for kids:

- Smocks or large old shirts
- Plastic cups (sturdier than paper)
- Simple 3-color palette — fewer colors = less overwhelm
- A few extra brushes for inevitable losses ■

■ HOST TIPS

- Start with the background — it gives slow starters a task and sets the vibe
- For kids: limit the palette to 4–5 colors max — keeps it fun, not overwhelming
- Celebrate every painting — no wrong answers in art!
- Have a "drying station" for finished canvases so they don't smear
- End with a "gallery walk" — everyone holds up their painting for a group photo

■ ***Kids tip: set a "secret color" challenge — whoever uses it in a creative way wins a prize!***

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