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Here are some very simple ideas to make your GRUFFALO party the best monster mash ever!

INVITATIONS!

Print out and colour in the special GRUFFALO party invitations on www.gruffalo.com (you will find them in the Activities section of FUN STUFF!), and send them to all your friends.

## LOCATION

The GRUFFALO lives in the deep dark wood, so the best place to hold you party is outside, a garden is the perfect place. But even if you have your GRUFFALO party indoors, you can create a great atmosphere by decorating the room.

## DECORATIONS

Here are some tips to make your GRUFFALO PARTY really atmospheric. Use green lightbulbs to make an eerie deep-dark-wood-like light. Make some trees out of coloured card (using brown card for the trunk and green card for the branches) and attach them on the walls of the room using Blu-tack. Cut green crêpe paper into strips and hang from the ceiling and door frames. Make some scary black spiders using ping pong balls (painted black) and black pipe cleaners and hang them from the ceiling using thin elastic or thread. Create a GRUFFALO cave by draping a dark sheet over two chairs.

## FOOD AND DRINK

Traditional party food can be easily themed to become really exciting and fun. Peel some green grapes and put them in a bowl and you instantly have some Poisonous Warts! Hard-boiled eggs can be decorated with orange food colouring and renamed Gruffalo Eyeballs. Make your own Owl Ice Cream by mixing vanilla ice cream with some sliced banana and raisins. Roasted Fox Sandwiches are delicious — and not nearly as grim as they sound if you use grated carrot as the filling! Mix fruit juice and food colouring to create Purple Prickle Juice. And no party is complete without a cake. Go to www.gruffalo.com for a tasty Gruffalo Cake recipe (in the Activities section of FUN STUFF!).

# GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

### GRUFFALO MASKS

Why don't you have a competition for the best Gruffalo Mask? Get each of your guests to make their very own Gruffalo masks. You will find the instructions and template on www.gruffalo.com (in the Activities section of FUN STUFF). Award the best Gruffalo mask with a prize.

### THE GRUFFALO: The Play

Get all of your guests to act out the story (this is even more fun if you know THE GRUFFALO SONG). You will need to give everyone a part to play. The characters are: the Gruffalo, Mouse, Fox, Owl and Snake. If you have more guests than characters, then have some people acting as the trees and other woodland creatures and birds. You will need the following props: some cushions for the rocks, two large blue sheets for the stream and the lake, a biscuit for the nut.

#### PIN THE POISONOUS WART ON THE GRUFFALO

A variation of Pin the Tail on the Donkey. Stick a picture of the Gruffalo on the wall using Blu-tack. Use a green button with blu-tack on the back as a wart. Blindfold each player in turn and get them to stick the wart where they think the Gruffalo's nose is.

The winner is the player who sticks the wart closest to the end of the Gruffalo's nose.