Birthday Party Pass-the-Picture Game

4-14 players | About 20 minutes | Ages 6+

PRINT & PREPARE

Print one cake drawing sheet per guest and optional inspiration cards. Print single-sided on US Letter at 100% (actual size). For A4, choose Fit. Cut only pages labeled cut-out cards; dotted borders are cutting guides. Adults handle cutting.

GATHER

Paper, Washable markers, Timer.

SET UP

Seat players in a circle with one sheet per person. Write each person's name on the back so the page can return to them. Choose a shared theme such as an imaginary birthday cake.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Everyone draws the beginning of a cake for 30 seconds.

2. At the signal, pass the paper left and add one detail to the new picture for 30 seconds.

3. Keep passing until each paper has made a complete circuit. Avoid covering or crossing out another person's contribution.

4. Return drawings to their original owners, display them, and let each person invent a name for their cake.

ADAPT IT

With a large group, stop after six passes and return pages using the names on the back. For adults, try imaginary party venues instead of cakes.

HOST NOTE

Make it collaborative rather than a best-drawing contest. Ask everyone to add something kind and playful.

Pass-the-picture inspiration

Cut along the dotted borders. Fold cards if prompts should stay secret.

EVERYDAY PARTIES 01

Add a candle

EVERYDAY PARTIES 02

Add an unusual topping

EVERYDAY PARTIES 03

Add a cake stand

EVERYDAY PARTIES 04

Add a tiny decoration

EVERYDAY PARTIES 05

Add a surprise color

EVERYDAY PARTIES 06

Add a celebration banner

Our one-of-a-kind party cake

Write your name on the back. Start a cake, then pass left. Add a detail without covering someone else's work.

Name: _____