

Trending: Festive Kid's Parties

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Many Valley parents are opting for quality time with their kiddos in 2016. A great way to have mom and tot fun is to host – or attend- a holiday play date. Valentine's Day is the kick-off to a variety of celebrations that have our mini-me's attention, including St. Patrick's Day, Easter and the spring birthday season. A little party with friends can be fun for all ages.

When I began planning a mom and tot Valentine's soiree, I immediately turned to Oriental Trading for ideas. Similar to our [Tea Party](#) play date, I wanted a simple yet unforgettable event. [Oriental Trading](#) is the nation's largest direct merchant of value-priced party supplies, arts and crafts, toys and novelties. A family tradition since I was a little girl, they have made generations of events memorable ... and manageable.

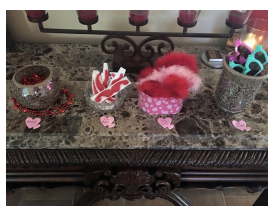
Of course, I ordered some decorative must-have's from Oriental Trading, including balloons, streamers, a red wedding runner that was perfect for the holiday and layered heart garland.



We kept our menu for the late morning party fairly simple; bagels, muffins, fruit and salad. Of course, I needed to incorporate the Valentine's champagne flutes I saw at Oriental Trading. One dozen of the heart based glasses came in red and pink. Champagne was optional!



I was most excited for our holiday photo booth. With props like miniature-sized boas, mustaches and sunglasses, as well as the essential photo booth props, it was the highlight of our event.



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A key element to any toddler get-together is having an age-appropriate craft. The paper plate bear craft from Oriental Trading was a great option for the kiddos, and they were all excited to take their artwork home.



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