

Dozens of Fun & Affordable Activities

Family Fun



Manuals Fun



Pajama Party in a Box

by LittleMissMatched

INSIDE THIS book and party-pack, your daughter will find everything needed to host a terrific sleepover, except the jammies! The 96-page book, with photos and line drawings, offers planning and prep tips, recipes to please almost any palate (a pasta bar, smoothies, customized cookies, even breakfast parfaits), 13 games (including the one featured below), and directions for 7 crafts, such as a homemade felt-covered scrapbook. If that weren't enough, the kit also comes with stationery, cootie-catcher templates, an autograph album, stickers, and — the crowning touch — a truth-or-dare spin wheel. Now, if it only had tips on how to get the girls to sleep.... Ages 6 and up *Workman Publishing, \$16*

FROM THE BOOK

Toilet Paper Chic

What's the next big thing in 'tween fashion? Could it be ... toilet paper? If our testers' reaction is any indication, then yes. The girls did their *Project Runway* best and created leg warmers, miniskirts, wedding gowns, and even an ultrahip punk princess outfit.

To play, break into teams of two or three (if your group has an odd number, let one person be the judge). Each team chooses someone to be the model; the other team members are the designers. Each team's designers must create a toilet paper fashion statement in ten minutes or less. The judge (or mom or dad) then decides which team's outfit is the most runway-worthy.



Five Other Fun Finds:

2 Nature's Playground

by Fiona Danks and Jo Schofield

Arranged by season, this beautifully photographed British-import offers more than 100 ideas and activities for getting kids outdoors. For instance, in spring, make mud art and play camouflage games. In summer, fashion a sweep net to catch insects. Paint a tree with smashed berries or make colorful leaf crowns in autumn, and turn ice into mobiles this winter.

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