



Vintage Afternoon Tea for Younger Guests - A Free Guide

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Hello & *Welcome*



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Hello and welcome to Oxford Tea Parties! My name is Amanda and I have been running things around here for the last 10 years. If you love stress free party planning and handmade touches to wow your guests, you're in the right place. Follow me online for gorgeous party hire, unique handmade party favours and let me help make your celebrations unforgettable.

I get asked a lot about children's vintage tea parties; if vintage china is safe for children to use, what food works best and how to keep children sat at a table amongst many many others.

I've designed a quick, easy (and free!) guide to adapt a vintage style party for younger guests and I'd like to share it with you!

Client Reviews



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I love the plates, the pink flowers are my favourite. I like the cake stands with all the yummy cakes on too! Thank you!

Birthday girl E - Age 4

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The cake stands and serving bowls were so helpful and really made the table look grown up for the children!

Birthday Girls Mum



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Thank you so much once again, I highly recommend Oxford Tea Parties! Fantastic service with no washing up. Makes you feel guilty and relieved all at the same time!

Mrs W



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Small cups for small hands

Vintage pieces that are naturally smaller in stature instantly make your guests feel special. They are easier to manage and help the table feel inviting rather than overwhelming. We want to encourage them to get involved and serve themselves!

Keep it vintage, but familiar

Classic afternoon tea works beautifully for children with a few easy swaps. Make the sandwich fillings simple and easily recognizable: jam, chocolate spread, plain cheese or ham. Instead of fussy cakes use fairy cakes and prepared fruit. Try sourcing some mini scones for your guests to try!

Mix and match

A formal table can seem slightly intimidating, so why not mix and match your patterns for a more inviting tablescape? You could incorporate a rainbow of florals, or a mixture of more contemporary colour designs!

Use real tableware – and trust your guests to use it!

Children love being treated like grown ups. Let them use the real plates and cups – it adds to the occasion and often encourages calmer, more careful behaviour.

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Style the table for fun, not perfection

Mix up your styling to include flowers, party hats and other whimsical and tactile items. We want your little guests to feel welcomed to the table and intrigued enough to stay there!

Add one gentle activity to the table

Allowing your guests to spread their scone, stir their drink or even just choosing their own food off of the cake stand keeps hands busy and minds engaged!

Keep it short and sweet

A vintage afternoon tea works best in a cosy window of 45-60 minutes. Long enough to feel special, short enough to hold everyone's attention

Let the table be the entertainment

Let your guests decorate their place card, or a small cupcake. A thoughtfully set table allows the setting to become the fun, with no extra entertainment needed.



Ready to plan your party?

I offer vintage china hire and children's tableware hire designed for little celebrations. Each hire box is carefully selected to coordinate a playful, charming and perfectly sized table for children.

Hire packages include:

Vintage cups, saucers, plates and basic cutlery (teaspoons and cake forks)

Tiered cake stands and vintage plates

Mix and match patterns for a relaxed vintage look

Perfect for birthday parties, afternoon teas, playdates and special occasions – whether you're hosting at home or you've booked a separate venue.

If you'd like help choosing the right set for your party, I'm always happy to help – just get in touch.

If you've enjoyed this free guide, follow me for more!