

Host a Super Bowl party

Arrange

a buffet.

Plan a fun gathering for family and friends to watch the big game.

The football event of the year, the Super Bowl, will take place on February 11 this year, and it's the perfect opportunity to throw a party. Whether you're into watching football or you're just looking forward to the musical entertainment during the halftime show, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Here's how to start planning your party.

Make the guest list

First, talk to an adult about who you'll invite.

Do a count of how many people you're expecting, including your family members. Then reach out to guests and let them know when to arrive (check the kickoff time for your time zone). You can make fun paper invites or simply reach out to guests by phone. Encourage everyone to come wearing their favorite team's colors!

Set up the room

Survey the space where you'll be watching the game. Make sure the sofas and chairs are angled toward the TV for a good view. You can add extra seating by placing large pillows on the floor. Decorate the space by hanging team flags and signs, which you can make ahead with markers and recycled construction paper.

Prep the food

Plan the party menu with an adult. A buffet makes it easy for guests to grab their own food throughout the game. Classic game-day favorites are chicken wings, nachos, and pre-cut vegetables with dips. Impress your guests by making delicious assorted crackers for your party ahead of time (see the recipe on the next page). You can plan a dessert for halftime, like a

self-serve sundae bar with candy toppings in team colors. You could also pick up a cookie cutter at a craft store ahead of time to make football-shaped cookies piped with white icing.

Play a game

You can get everyone involved in the fun by playing a game, like Super Bowl Commercial Bingo, while you watch the actual game. Search with an adult online to print out free playing cards for the 2024 Super Bowl commercials. Check the commercials off on your card as they air.

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Whoever is first to cross out a row of consecutive squares wins! You could also plan to have prizes, like stickers or glow bracelets. During the party, check in with guests to see if they need anything. Most important, have fun!

Football fact file



Lasting legacy The Green Bay Packers won the first Super Bowl in 1967 and the following year. The Super Bowl trophy is named after their legendary coach Vince Lombardi (above, with the ball).

Biggest winners The New England Patriots have the most Super Bowl appearances, with 11. They have won the title six times, tying with the Pittsburgh Steelers for the most wins of any NFL franchise.

Highest score Super Bowl XXIX, between the San Francisco 49ers and the San Diego Chargers, was the highest-scoring Super Bowl in history, with the teams combining for 75 points. San Francisco won, 49–26.