

# WELCOME TO DOUBLE DIGITS!

When it comes to your child, ten is not just a number, guys. It's one of your kid's biggest milestones. . . and moving into the tweens! Almie Louis (author of *From Drab to Fab*) put together this fab DIY party and gift ideas for your child's 10th birthday party, using recycled items. Hip, hip. . . hooray!

## Dummy Cake

Make a tower cake from old tins stacked on top of each other.

### Recycled items:

Tins of different sizes  
Leftover fabric, lace and ribbons

### Also needed:

Fabric scissors  
Pins and needles  
Fabric glue and brush  
Glue gun and bullets

### Get started!

Collect as many tins as you desire and decide how tall you want your cake to be.

Use the leftover fabric, lace and ribbons and plan the decoration of each tin.

Measure the circumference and height of each tin. Use the measurements as a guide and cut the fabric accordingly. Iron the fabric for a neat look. Fasten it onto the tin with the pins.

When satisfied with your design, glue the fabric, lace and ribbons onto the tins using the fabric glue and brush.

Place the tins on top of each other. Glue together with the glue gun.



## No 10 with lights

### Recycled items:

Old cardboard  
Fairy lights

### Also needed:

Pink spray paint  
Scissors/craft knife  
Felt tip/pencil  
Awl

### Get started!

Draw a number 10 free hand on a piece of cardboard. Use the scissors or craft knife and cut out the number 10 on the drawn line.

Place the cut out cardboard on a piece of newspaper in a well-ventilated area and spray paint pink. Allow to dry.

When it is completely dry, decide how many lights you wish to display on your card board. Make pencil marks and use these marks as a guide to press holes with the awl into the cardboard, big enough for the lights to rest in. Connect the fairy lights with batteries or electricity and place the glowing ten on display.



## Doily Domes

You can place the doily over cupcakes, sandwiches or sweets. The idea is for decoration, not freshness!

### Recycled items:

Lace doilies (small ones)

### Also needed:

Glass or metal bowls (as moulds)  
Cling film  
Bottles (as a prop)  
Powertex  
Blunt knife

### Get started!

Prepare the moulds by covering them with cling film and resting them, upside-down, over bottles to raise them above your work surface.

Working with one doily at a time, place the doily in the bowl and cover it with Powertex. Ensure the whole doily is saturated, using your fingers to submerge it if necessary.

Drape the doily evenly over the mould surface, gently stretching, smoothing and removing air bubbles and excess glue from it with your fingers. Leave to dry for 8 – 10 hours.

The doily must be completely dry before removing it from the mould, otherwise it will reshape. Gently pry it from the mould with a blunt knife.

Place the doily on a small saucer and decorate with paper, fabric or fresh flowers.

**Caution:** When you work with Powertex, ensure that running water is nearby, and protect your work surface. Wear an apron to protect your clothes.

## Bunting for cake stand

Create a flag/triangle template from paper and trace them onto decorative paper. Cut enough to cover the whole circumference of your plate. Glue the flags onto the plate's edge with clear glue. Allow to dry. Put on display for the moment.



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