

# Amelia Bedelia's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday PARTY KIT!



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# Happy Birthday, Amelia Bedelia!

Dear Party Planner,

Over the past fifty years, Amelia Bedelia has given children countless laughs, smiles, and enduring stories that truly inspire a love of reading. Now it's time for us to celebrate Amelia Bedelia's cheerful personality, literal translations, and playful spirit by throwing Amelia Bedelia the best birthday bash ever!

By commemorating this special anniversary with a celebration of Amelia Bedelia's mixed-up antics, we honor Amelia Bedelia's refreshing view of the world, as well as Peggy and Herman Parish's lasting contribution to children's literature.

This event kit is filled with all of the tools you'll need to make sure that your Amelia Bedelia birthday bash is smashing success (but don't worry—there won't be any actual smashing!).



## Inside you will find:

- ✓ Suggestions on how to make your event run smoothly
- ✓ Name tags for each guest to decorate and wear
- ✓ A Pin-the-Pie-on-Amelia-Bedelia game
- ✓ A classic Amelia Bedelia poster
- ✓ Sticker sheets for the partygoers
- ✓ Reproducible activity sheets

We can't wait to celebrate Amelia Bedelia's 50th birthday with you!

Happy planning,  
HarperCollins Children's Books  
Party Planning Committee

P.S. *Amelia Bedelia Day is officially January 29, 2013—but our celebration lasts all year!*

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# Event Suggestions

## Pre-party prep

Promote your party by handing out invitations, putting up flyers, and posting about the big bash on your website, Facebook, and Twitter pages. Before your party, be sure to make plenty of copies of the activities and games in this kit and get enough crayons, scissors, string, and tape for your guests. Also, don't forget to decorate your store or classroom, and put all your Amelia Bedelia books front and center. A great way to start or end your party is by reading your favorite Amelia Bedelia book aloud!

## Don't forget to invite Amelia Bedelia to her party, too!

You can contact Costume Specialists at 1-800-596-9357 (or go to [www.costumespecialists.com](http://www.costumespecialists.com)) to book an Amelia Bedelia costume and arrange for delivery. If you are planning a party for a bookstore, school, or library, your rental cost is FREE—all you have to pay is the shipping fee (\$140 for 2nd-day air). The costume rental is very popular, so be sure to book early. If you're too late to book this costume, though, fret not! Amelia Bedelia's favorite outfit is easy for you to imitate. Just wear all black and grab a white apron, a bonnet, and a feather duster, and you are all set!

Once your outfit is complete, don't forget to practice your Amelia Bedelia-isms. As Amelia Bedelia, remember to do *everything* literally. For example, if a party guest asks you to play Pin the Pie on Amelia Bedelia, you pin a pie on yourself. If another guest wishes you a happy birthday—give a really big smile, close your eyes, and make a wish. And of course, when it's story time, act out all of Amelia Bedelia's antics for your guests.

## Decorate, Amelia Bedelia-style

We already know that Amelia Bedelia has her own special way of decorating for parties. Instead of putting freshly cut flowers in "proper-like vases," she scatters them around the room. Instead of using a feather duster to clean, she covers the room in dusting powder. And when told to "run over" the tablecloth with an iron, Amelia Bedelia holds the iron in her hand and runs all over that tablecloth—covering it in footprints. Use Amelia Bedelia's mix-ups as inspiration for your bash's décor. Disperse cut up (real or paper) flowers and stems around the room, and draw footprints all over pieces of white butcher paper to use as tablecloths. To add some more Amelia Bedelia flair, hang light bulbs and string beans around the room, too.



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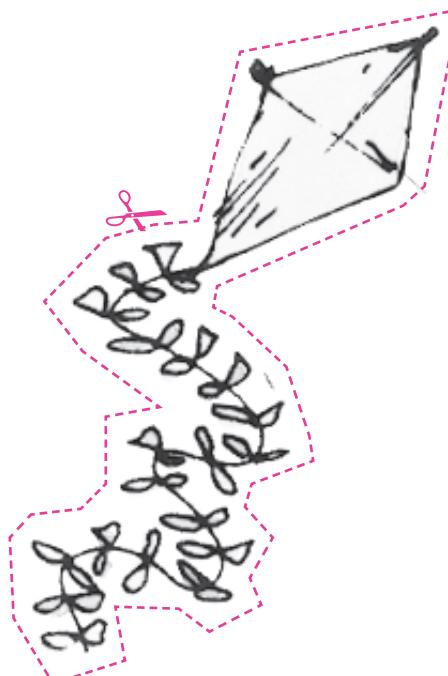
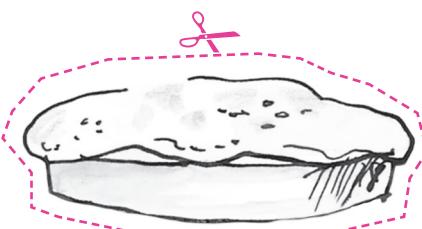
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# The Biggest Birthday Wish of All!

Together, make Amelia Bedelia the BIGGEST birthday card ever. Set up a large piece of butcher paper on the floor. Give each child his or her own section and some crayons to write a special message to Amelia Bedelia. Ask kids to think about and draw an item that they'd give Amelia Bedelia as a birthday gift. They can color and cut out an image from below and tape it next to their birthday wishes, or they can come up with their own gifts and draw them in.

## You will need:

- ✓ butcher paper
- ✓ scissors
- ✓ crayons
- ✓ tape and/or glue



**Safety Note:** When using a scissor, it is important to keep safety in mind. Children should always ask permission from an adult before using scissors.



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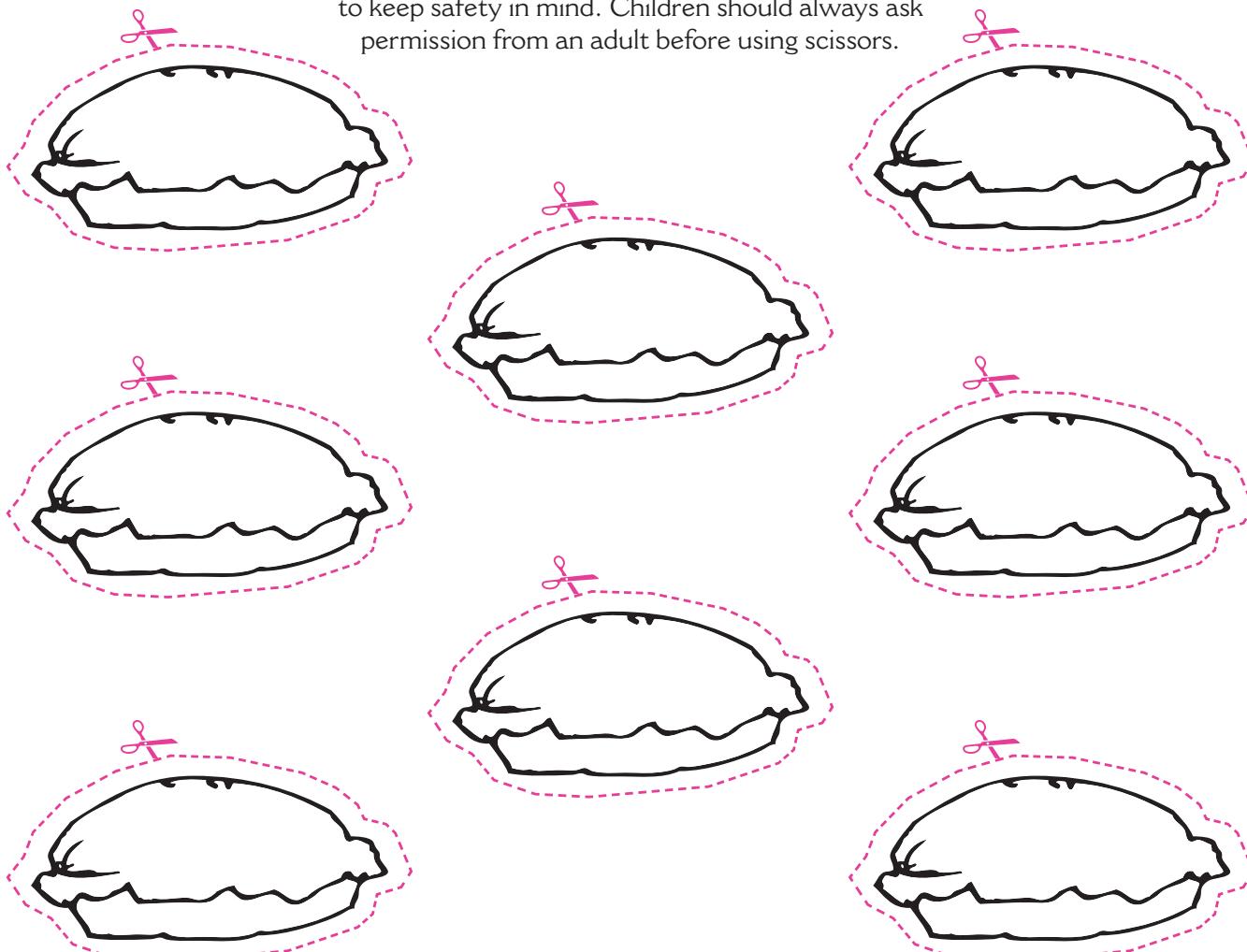
# Pin the Pie on Amelia Bedelia!

Make one enlarged copy of Amelia Bedelia and enough copies of the pie for each party guest to have one. Tape the image of Amelia Bedelia to a wall, and find a scarf or bandana to be used as a blindfold.

At the party, hand out the pies and have kids decorate them (make sure they put their names or initials on their pies so you can tell whose is whose). Then have the players cut out their pies, and help them attach pieces of tape to the backs.

Start the game by blindfolding the first player. Mix the player up by twirling him or her around a few times, and have him or her try to pin the pie to Amelia Bedelia's outstretched hands. After each player takes a turn, whoever pinned his pie closest to Amelia Bedelia's hands wins!

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# Amelia Bedelia's Mixed-Up Moves

When Amelia Bedelia gets a list of things to do, she does *exactly* what it says. When she makes a sponge cake, she puts in real sponges. When she weeds the garden, she replants the weeds. And when she pitches a tent, she throws it into the woods!

Read Amelia Bedelia's "to do list" below, then draw a picture of the way you think Amelia Bedelia would complete each item.

## To Do:

✓ Make a new friend

✓ Field some phone calls

✓ Throw a surprise party

✓ Run a bake sale

✓ Swing by the grocery store

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# Be Amelia Bedelia!

Color in this bonnet, punch it out, and tie two pieces of ribbon or string to the ends. Tie the bonnet onto your head and let the fun begin. Step one: draw the drapes!

Punch hole, tie one  
ribbon or string here

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