



WEAR IT WILD

COCKTAIL PARTY GUIDE



The incredible difference you can make

Wear it Wild is WWF's annual fundraising event.

In workplaces, schools and homes up and down the land, people will be donning wildlife-inspired fancy dress – and raising money to protect incredible wildlife at the same time.

We're working hard to protect iconic species like tigers, elephants and rhinos. But we need your help to bring about a future where people and nature thrive. Taking part in Wear it Wild is a great way to raise funds, raise awareness – and have fun too.



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**WEAR IT WILD
FOR WILDLIFE**

LET'S GET THIS

PARTY STARTED



Hosting a **Wear it Wild** cocktail party is a fantastic way to enjoy time with family and friends and raise money to support WWF's vital work to create a future in which people and nature thrive.

To help you do exactly that, we've put together this rather nifty guide. It features plenty of great party games to fill your night with giggles; some tremendous costume themes to make sure everyone dresses to impress; and a small smörgåsbord of canapé and cocktail recipes to satisfy the appetites of your menagerie of guests.

On top of this, we've also compiled some essential info in the centre pages of the guide to help your cocktail party go without a hitch and bring in as much money as possible. Please do make sure you check out these pages.

Finally, good luck, cheers and bottoms up to your big night. We're sure it'll be truly wild!



YOUR MUST-DO CHECKLIST



Speak to potential guests about a party date that's convenient for them – This will help maximise attendance at your event.

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Send reminder emails or Facebook messages nearer the date of your party.

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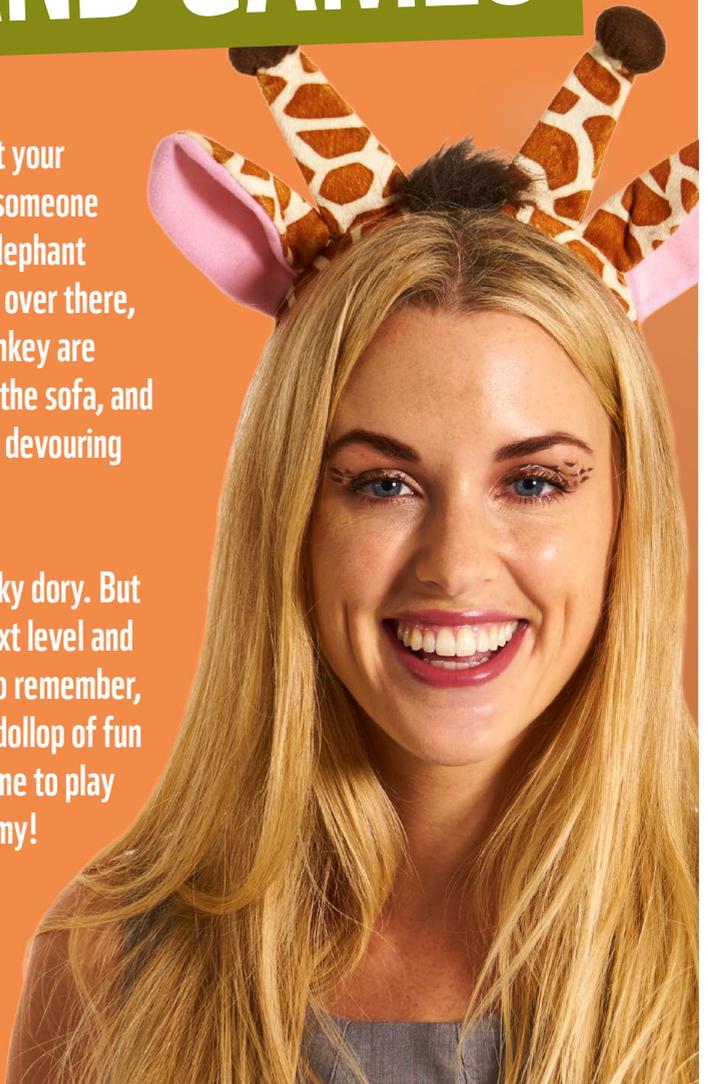
Boost your fundraising by holding a raffle or auction on your big night, or use a Wear it Wild fundraising bucket to collect extra donations, entry fees to party games and fines for misbehaviour.

ALL FUN

AND GAMES

So let's set the scene at your cocktail party: there's someone dressed as an African elephant sipping something fizzy over there, a hyena and howler monkey are getting on famously on the sofa, and Annabelle the tigress is devouring her fifth canapé.

Everything is going hunky dory. But to take things to the next level and make this a real night to remember, it's time to inject a big dollop of fun into the evening: it's time to play some party games. Oh my!





White elephant

1. Everyone brings a wrapped gift (they don't have to cost much).
2. The first person selects a gift from a central pile and unwraps it.
3. Subsequent people unwrap a present and decide to keep or steal.
4. When a person is stolen from, they can choose a new gift or steal themselves.
5. The game is over when the last person keeps or steals.

Who am I?

1. Everyone writes the name of a famous person or animal on a post-it note.
2. A note is selected and stuck on the first person's forehead (it can't be their own).
3. The person can ask 20 questions to discover who they are.
4. If they are successful they win a small prize; if they fail they donate a forfeit.
5. Repeat with all of your guests.



Who's the baby?

1. Ask all of your guests to bring a photo of themselves as a baby or small child.
2. Make a note of who's who and then put the photos on display.
3. Ask everyone to make their guesses.
4. Award a prize to the person who gets the most answers correct.
5. Play the same game but with photos of people's pets over the years.





Karaoke, okay?

1. Fire up the karaoke.
2. Divide into two teams (or however many teams seem appropriate).
3. Ask each person to donate a small amount to sing their favourite song (animal inspired ones would be great).
4. Get each opposing team to score the performer out of 10.
5. Add up the scores after everyone has sung and award the winning team a prize.

Let's get quizzical

1. Compile a quiz before your big night (an animal theme would be good).
2. Decide whether your quiz is just for individuals, pairs or teams.
3. Read out your questions or hand out a quiz sheet for people to fill in.
4. Give yourself plenty of time to mark the answers before the end of the night.
5. Award a prize to the winner and the best team name, of course!

Canapé contest

1. Ask each guest or couple to whip up a canapé (something exotic would be good).
2. The number of canapés you ask each person to make will depend on your total number of guests.
3. Create a score sheet on which each guest can judge each canapé.
4. Categories for judging could include: taste, looks, size, exoticness.

A great mixer

1. Buy six to ten ingredients that could make a cocktail.
2. Only show guests the ingredients on the night.
3. Ask each guest (or pairs) to make a cocktail using at least half of the ingredients.
4. Judge each cocktail on taste, looks and how well it was prepared.
5. Give a prize to the best mixologist at your party.



Super charades

1. On five bits of paper ask each guest to write down a famous thing: person, animal, film, book, event.
2. Fold up the bits of paper and put them in a bowl.
3. Split into teams and get a member of the first team to describe as many famous things as possible in one minute, without saying the name of the thing.
4. Move on to the next team and repeat until all the bits of paper have been used.
5. For the next round refold all of the bits of paper but only allow people to use three words to describe the famous thing they pick out.
6. In the final round only allow people to use actions (no words) to describe the famous thing.
7. Add up which team guessed the most things right and award them a prize.

TAKE CHARGE

For all of these games, encourage people to give a donation to enter (especially if you have a prize for the winner). Or how about letting some people pay a fine not to play?

DRESS

TO IMPRESS

The truth is there are thousands of animals that could inspire how your guests Wear it Wild for your cocktail party. But sometimes having so much choice can leave people feeling a little bit flummoxed. I mean, how do you choose between dressing as a snow leopard or a hawksbill turtle?

To help your guests out, why not try out one of the following themes? You may also find that they help you decide what food and drinks to prepare for your party, and how to decorate your house for your big night.



A marvellous menagerie

Seeing as you're having a cocktail party, encourage people to dress as a sophisticated animal. That might be a preening peacock, a suave swan or a fantastic fox. Or simply ask ladies to wear an evening dress with animal accessories and the men to wear a penguin suit.

A classic collection

There isn't an animal that says WWF quite like the giant panda. So why not ask all of your party guests to dress up like the symbol of the charity they're fundraising for? You could even award a prize for the best-dressed panda in town. And how about adopting black and white as the theme for your whole bash?



Adopt a country

Ask all of your guests to dress as an animal from a particular country. You could even serve up national dishes and cocktails from that country too. Brown bears, blinis and white Russians? Armadillos, mini fajitas and Mexican margaritas? There's plenty of options to chose from.



Threatened with extinction

Head over to www.wwf.org.za and find out more about the some of the incredible animals that are threatened by extinction around the world. Encourage your guests to dress up as them and hand out fact sheets available from www.wwf.org.za . It's a great way to highlight the the plight of the likes of the mountain gorilla and encourage people to give a little extra to help protect them.



A random act

Before the main event of the year, ask all of your guests to select an animal they would like someone else to dress up as. Then randomly match each animal to one of your guests and let them know what they have to dress up as. You could even ask people to give an extra donation to allocate a costume to a particular person themselves.



Just one animal

Imagine opening your door to a gaggle of geese, a herd of buffalo or a pride of lions? That's what you could face if you told your guests to dress up as just one animal. What's really interesting about this theme is how different people interpret it. Some will go the full hog and kit themselves out head to toe. While others may just wear a few accessories to transform themselves into your chosen animal. You'll also be guaranteed some great photos with lots of similar creatures sipping cocktails around your house.

FUR ENOUGH

Whatever animal costume you buy or create for Wear it Wild, please make sure it doesn't feature real fur. Only ever use fake fur and try to recycle clothes for costumes as much as possible.

FIERCELY GOOD

COCKTAILS

AND CANAPÉS

Your cocktail party can be as fancy or as chilled out as you like, and we've got some rather lovely cocktail and canapé recipes for you to try out that are the height of sophistication.



PANDA CROSTINIS

(Serves 12)

A delectable treat that's sure to bring a smile to the faces of your guests.

Ingredients

- 110g black olive tapenade
- 3 tbsps fresh thyme leaves
- 5 tbsps finely chopped walnuts
- 50g chopped dried currants
- 140g soft goat cheese
- Crostini (12 pieces)

Why not try a vegan alternative and substitute the goats cheese for houmous.

Method

1. You should be able to buy olive tapenade from most supermarkets. But if you want to make your own, simply mix finely chopped black olives, a pinch of salt and enough olive oil to bind the mixture.
2. You should also be able to buy crostinis from your local big supermarket. But if you're feeling particularly adventurous, there are plenty of great crostini recipes online.
3. In a small bowl, combine the tapenade, thyme leaves, walnuts and currants.
4. Spread 1 to 2 teaspoons of goat cheese onto each crostini.
5. Arrange 1 to 2 teaspoons of olive mixture on top to create a panda face.

TROPICAL COCONUT PRAWNS

(Serves 20)

Easy-to-make mini bites that are bursting with scrummy flavours.

Ingredients

- 20 large shell on fresh prawns
(Make sure they are MSc certified - see [here](#))
- 20 small chunks of pineapple
- 2 tbsps plain flour
- 1 egg
- 6 tbsps desiccated coconut
- 6 tbsps fresh breadcrumbs
- 4 tbsps coconut milk
- 4 tbsps lime juice
- 1 large red chilli
- 2 tbsps rice wine vinegar
- Oil for frying
- 20 toothpicks

Method

1. Remove the shell from the prawns keeping the tail on, prepare three bowls, one with the flour in, one with the beaten egg and one with the coconut and breadcrumbs mixed together. Dip the prawns first in the flour, then the beaten egg and finally toss in the coconut mix until evenly coated.
2. To make the dipping sauce, place the coconut milk, lime juice, chilli and rice wine vinegar in a small saucepan, bring to the boil, simmer until reduced a little and syrupy.
3. Heat the oil in a pan, cook the prawns until golden for approx. 5 mins, turning half way if shallow frying, drain on kitchen paper.
4. Skewer each prawn on a toothpick with a chunk of pineapple and serve with the lime and coconut dipping sauce.

THE BLUE WHALE

(Makes 12 cocktails)

You'll certainly have a whale of a time at your cocktail party with this striking and incredibly tasty cocktail.

Ingredients

- 360ml blue Curaçao
- 180ml crème de cassis
- A bottle of champagne or sparkling wine
- 3 lemons
- Ice

Method

1. Combine the blue Curaçao and crème de cassis in an ice-filled cocktail shaker. Shake vigorously and strain into a martini glass.
2. Top each martini glass with champagne or sparkling wine.
3. Garnish each glass with a slice of twisted lemon peel.



TURTLEY REFRESHING MOCKTAIL

(Makes 1 cocktail)

Enjoy this non-alcoholic green mocktail with your party guests. It's super cool and oh-so refreshing.

Ingredients

- 1 shot (25ml) lime juice, from half a lime cut into wedges
- 12 fresh mint leaves
- 1 tsp caster sugar
- Crushed ice
- 3 shots (75ml) of apple juice (not from concentrate)
- 2 shots (50ml) of soda water
- Slice of green apple

Method

1. Squeeze the lime into a tall glass and muddle (you can use the end of a wooden spoon) with the mint leaves and sugar.
2. Add crushed ice to fill the glass just over half full. Pour over the apple juice and stir lightly.
3. Add more ice to fill the glass and top with soda water. Garnish with a slice of apple.



Pounce on some great resources

At www.wwf.org.za/wearitwild, we have some great downloadable resources for you and your guests to get your teeth into.

These include:

- fundraising guides for you and your guests
- face painting guide
- event posters you can personalise
- bunting
- fact sheets on endangered animals
- animal mask templates.

Ferociously good fundraising ideas

In the build up to your party, we hope you and your guests will get involved in a bit of fundraising to help support WWF's vital work around the world.

Even if every adult or child raised just R10, that would really help us move closer to creating a future in which people and nature thrive together.

To get started, head over to www.wwf.org.za/wearitwild/resources for your fundraising kit.



A HUGE THANK YOU

Without incredible people like you, WWF wouldn't be able to make such a difference to the lives of wildlife and people across the globe.

So thank you for your tremendous efforts. We hope you have a wonderful time wearing it wild and are inspired to make your party a regular event in your calendar.



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Why we are here

To stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature.

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