3-Day Birthday Party Prep Timeline

Build a stunning dessert table, surprise cake, and balloon arch without the stress.

Planning a spectacular party is entirely manageable with this stress-free schedule. Follow this exact sequence to ensure your balloons float all weekend and your surprise cake stays pristine.



Key Party Specs

5-11-18 inch mix
Latex sizes for sweeping organic volume

3 primary hues
Select for a cohesive dessert table

8 hours
Standard pure helium float time

4 pans (8-inch)
Identical round pans for dense batter

3-inch
Round biscuit cutter for the core

30 minutes
Chill time after initial crumb coat

Gel-lined: floats days
Massage exactly one half-pump of float-extending gel into uninflated latex balloons to seal pores. This traps the lighter-than-air gas so they stay buoyant all weekend.

Your 3-Day Prep Sequence

1. **Day 3: Evening Prep** Bake dense cake layers, freeze overnight, and stack sturdy boxes under the cloth for an elevated tier.
2. **Day 2: Night Before** Core it frozen. Shh. Stamp out solid layers, fill, and frost. Massage gel and inflate balloons.
3. **Day 1: Morning Setup** Pleat and secure bedsheet skirt, clips to table lip. Attach garland to wall hooks; arrange secondary treats.

Balloon Inflation Guide

Find your row: **Balloon role**

Balloon role	Your pick	Why
Gap fillers	Inflate fully	Fills tight clusters perfectly
Main garland body	80 to 90 percent	Creates essential visual variation
Focal anchors	Inflate fully	Grounds the entire setup

Check Before You Start

- [ ] Check adhesive hook packaging to ensure it safely supports your garland.
- [ ] Confirm your cake recipe is a dense pound or butter cake.
- [ ] Clear everyday living room furniture to create a wide, accessible walkway.
- [ ] Ensure large transport bags shield latex from sunlight and sharp car interiors.
- [ ] Verify your clear monofilament line is strong enough for shifting clusters.

Party Planning Notes

Enjoy your morning coffee in peace before the first party guests arrive!