

# THE ENRICHMENT PROJECT

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## New Year's Eve

*Enjoy the biggest party as you celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of the next. Traditions and possibilities for this party are endless.*

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### Steps

#### 1. Home party planner.

Your New Year's Eve celebration can be simple or elaborate. You can enjoy watching programming until midnight and share a glass of bubbly (alcoholic or not). You can go crazy and plan the party to end all parties. Start planning your party early as everyone has plans for this fun holiday.

#### 2. Going out.

You may choose to go out for the evening. This saves you the hassle of planning, giving and cleaning up after the party. Explore local possibilities for a great New Year's Eve.

#### 3. Traditions of the holiday.

Some traditions go with the holiday . . . singing "Auld Lang Syne" and drinking champagne are two of these. Look at the holiday and note other traditions that go hand-in-hand with this holiday.

#### 4. Around the world.

New Year's Eve is celebrated differently around the world. See what other countries and cultures do to celebrate. Would you be interested in adding other traditions to your own?

#### 5. Your traditions.

You and your family may have traditions for this holiday. For example, we live in the Central Time Zone, but because we have a lot of younger family members, we celebrate at Eastern Standard Time for earlier bed times. Make a list of the traditions you've developed over the years.

#### 6. The age difference.

You will make many adjustments to your party plans depending on who is attending. For adults, most parties feature alcohol. Teens want a more adult-type party. Kids need activities that keep them moving. As you plan your celebration, outline ways to include your participants in your activities or have alternatives available.

#### 7. Dressing up?

You may choose to have your party a fancy affair . . . or a pajama party. Be sure to communicate how participants should dress for your celebration. You want to make everyone comfortable.

#### 8. Make some noise.

Singing one song isn't enough noise for this holiday. Noisemakers, horns or even fireworks are great ways to make some noise. Explore the possibility of adding noise and / or music to your holiday celebration.



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**9. Craft some fun.**

Make your own hats, decorations and more. Explore what items others have made to add to the fun of this holiday.

**10. Snacks, anyone?**

Food for this holiday tends to be light finger foods. Of course, if you plan on having alcohol, you may want something heavier around midnight to help offset alcohol consumption. Be sure to plan on things that are easy for you to put out so you don't miss the party.

**11. Safety first.**

If you're planning on drinking, take keys from people as they arrive and have a list of cab companies or designated drivers to start the evening. Examine your party plans and make sure you make safety for yourself and your guests top priority.

**12. List your resolutions.**

It's not all about the party. Starting a new year is all about making the next one better. Look at what things you'd like to accomplish in the next year. Make a list and ways you can incorporate to stick to those resolutions.

## Sites to Explore

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New\\_Year's\\_Eve](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Year's_Eve)

[www.thecraftycrow.net/2010/12/new-years-crafts-activities-treats.html](http://www.thecraftycrow.net/2010/12/new-years-crafts-activities-treats.html)

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[projectbritain.com/year/newyeareve.html](http://projectbritain.com/year/newyeareve.html)

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[www.infoplease.com/spot/newyearcelebrations.html](http://www.infoplease.com/spot/newyearcelebrations.html)

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