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Party Pleasers

Planning an at-home birthday party just got easier, thanks to these cool new kits and games.

Sweet Celebration

Zebra Mix baking kits are the perfect solution for a baking party for kids ages 4-12. The kits come with all the dry ingredients and kids follow the simple step-by-step instructions outlined in colorful "safari baking maps" to bake and decorate goodies. Along the way, they'll learn fun facts in math, science and reading.

Let the guests take home the resulting cupcakes, cookies and brownies as party favors, and if you use the Treasure Tin kit, the stylish animal-print package also doubles as a reusable lunchbox for the birthday child. \$5.99-\$19.99.

MetroKids Special Deal: Through June 30, the first 50 readers who shop at www.zebramix.com will receive a **FREE Treasure Tin kit** with a \$30 purchase. Use code "METRO KIDS FREE TIN."



Birthday Beauties

For a sleepover with girly-girls, consider a funky **Livi.Lu.Lu beauty set** from Herban Renewal. Sparkling lotion, pretty nail polish and glittery lip balm are all included, so the beauty queens can give themselves spa makeovers at home. The sets also come with stickers and a "WOW," "LOL" or "Whatever" sign. \$14.95. www.herbanrenewalinc.com/livilulu.html

SpongeBob Bash

Hook up controllers to the Wii at your next birthday party and let kids compete in the new **SpongeBob's Boating Bash** party game. In a wacky Mario Kart-type race, kids navigate challenging boating arenas as Spongebob, Patrick or another character. Take turns in single-player mode or try a four-player battle. \$39.99. Available now at game retailers. ♦

