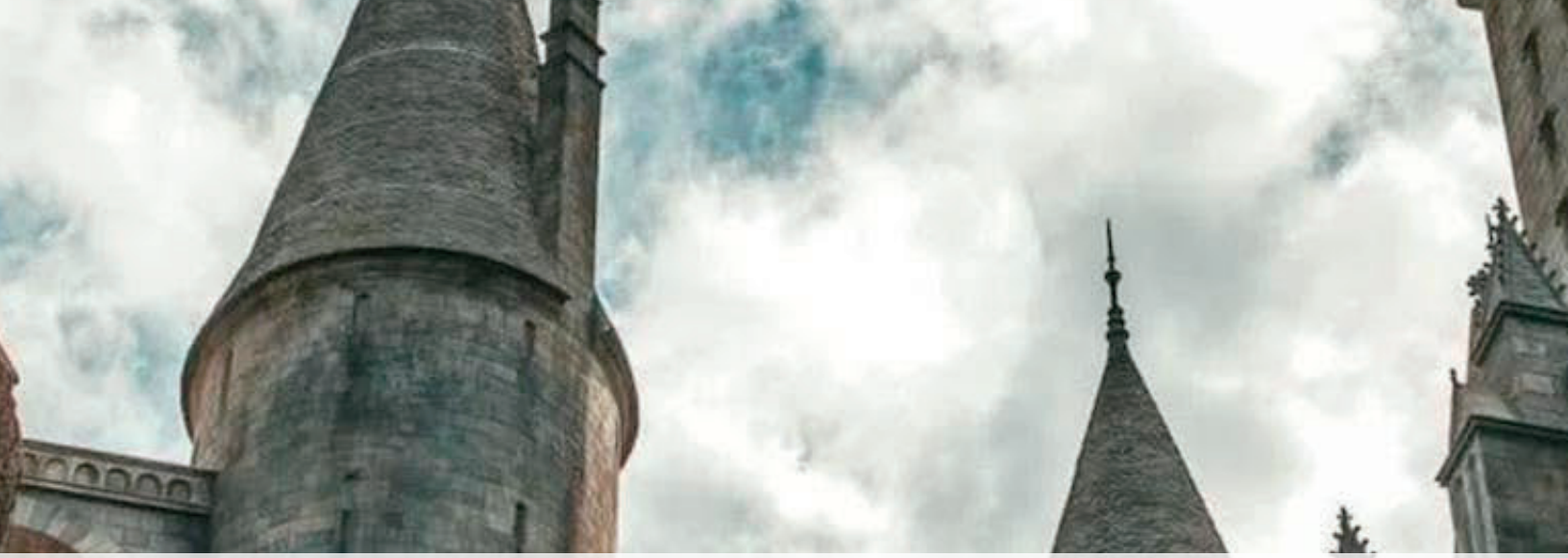


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THE ULTIMATE
Harry Potter
MOVIE MARATHON GUIDE

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CALLING ALL WITCHES, WIZARDS, AND MUGGLES ALIKE!

Are you ready to embark on an enchanting journey through the spellbinding universe of Harry Potter? Whether you're a die-hard fan or a casual viewer, the Harry Potter movie marathon is a quintessential experience that allows you to relive the magic, camaraderie, and wonder of J.K. Rowling's beloved wizarding world.

From the Great Hall feasts to the Quidditch matches and heartwarming friendships, this guide is your ticket to hosting the ultimate Harry Potter movie marathon party that will leave your family, or your guests, spellbound!



HARRY POTTER MOVIES IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001)

Harry discovers he's a wizard on his 11th birthday and begins attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Along with his new friends Ron and Hermione, he uncovers the mystery of the Sorcerer's Stone and faces the dark wizard, Voldemort.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002)

In his second year at Hogwarts, Harry encounters strange happenings, including attacks by a mysterious creature. He delves into the secrets of the Chamber of Secrets to uncover the truth behind these events.

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (2004)

Harry's third year at Hogwarts introduces him to Sirius Black, a prisoner who has escaped from Azkaban. As he learns about his past and the truth about his parents' death, he faces the Dementors and a fearsome creature known as a Werewolf.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2005)

The Triwizard Tournament arrives at Hogwarts, but when Harry's name is unexpectedly drawn, he must navigate deadly challenges. The return of Voldemort's followers, the Death Eaters, foreshadows a darker future.

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (2007)

As Voldemort's influence grows, Harry and his friends form "Dumbledore's Army" to learn defensive magic. They face bureaucratic resistance at Hogwarts while uncovering a deep connection between Harry and Voldemort.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (2009)

Harry returns for his sixth year at Hogwarts and learns more about Voldemort's past through memories shared by Professor Dumbledore. As darkness looms, the Death Eaters rise, and tragedy strikes close to home.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 1 (2010)

The wizarding world is now under the control of Voldemort. Harry, Ron, and Hermione embark on a dangerous mission to destroy the Horcruxes, objects that hold parts of Voldemort's soul, while evading Death Eaters.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 2 (2011)

The epic conclusion sees Harry and his friends return to Hogwarts for a final battle against Voldemort and his forces. Secrets are revealed, sacrifices are made, and the fate of the wizarding world hangs in the balance.



4 WEEK WATCHING SCHEDULE

Week 1:

Friday: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Saturday: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

Week 2:

Friday: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

Saturday: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Week 3:

Friday: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

Saturday: Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

HOGWARTS EXPRESS

Week 4:

Friday: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 1

Saturday: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 2

This schedule will allow you to enjoy the entire Harry Potter movie series over the course of four weekends, so you could choose your Harry Potter month and get started! You could also watch one movie a day, or just sit and watch them all in a row.. a true marathon!



DECORATIONS

Step into a world of magic and wonder as we embark on a journey through the enchanting realm of Harry Potter decorations. Whether you're a die-hard fan of the series or simply captivated by the allure of wizardry, these decorations have the power to transform your living space into a realm straight out of the wizarding world.

House Banners: Hang banners representing Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw, and Hufflepuff.

Floating Candles: Create the Great Hall ambiance with floating candles suspended from the ceiling using fishing line and LED tea lights.

Platform 9³/₄ Entrance: Set up a makeshift platform with a trolley halfway through the wall, making it look like guests are heading to Hogwarts.

Wizarding World Signage: Design signs that point to Diagon Alley, Hogsmeade, Forbidden Forest, and other iconic locations.

Potion Bottles and Jars: Arrange glass bottles and jars filled with colorful liquids, herbs, and labels like "Polyjuice Potion" or "Felix Felicis."

Triwizard Tournament Flags: Hang flags with the Triwizard Tournament emblem and house banners to represent the magical competition.

Floating Keys: Recreate the flying keys obstacle from Sorcerer's Stone using metallic keys hung from clear threads.

House Points Scoreboard: Create a scoreboard displaying house points earned throughout the party.

Honeydukes Candy Display: Arrange a variety of colorful candies in glass jars labeled as Honeydukes sweets.

Hogwarts Express Backdrop: Set up a backdrop with the Hogwarts Express train to mimic Platform 9³/₄.

Wizard Hat Chair Covers: Place wizard hat covers on the backs of chairs for a whimsical touch.

Floating Dementors: Hang floating dementor silhouettes for a spooky effect, perhaps near a Dementor's Kiss photo booth.

House Ghost Portraits: Print and frame portraits of Nearly Headless Nick, the Grey Lady, the Fat Friar, and the Bloody Baron.

Harry Potter Books Stack: Arrange a stack of Harry Potter books tied with a Hogwarts house-colored ribbon.

House Tapestries: Hang large tapestries featuring the crests and animals of each house.



APPETIZERS

Just like the magical universe created by J.K. Rowling, these appetizers are designed to transport you to a world where flavor knows no bounds. Whether you're hosting a themed party, movie night, or simply seeking to add a dash of magic to your culinary repertoire, these delectable delights will take your taste buds on a spellbinding journey.

Butterbeer Popcorn: Popcorn coated in a buttery and slightly sweet glaze reminiscent of the famous wizarding drink.

Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans: Create a mix of sweet and savory jelly beans, challenging guests to try different flavors.

Golden Snitch Cheese Balls: Cheese balls rolled in gold edible glitter, resembling the elusive Snitch.

Hufflepuff Mini Quiches: Mini quiches filled with a variety of ingredients to represent the diligent Hufflepuff house.

Slytherin Snake Rolls: Pastry rolls filled with spinach and feta, coiled to resemble the Slytherin serpent.

Ravenclaw Blue Cheese Crostini: Crostini topped with blue cheese, honey, and toasted walnuts, reflecting Ravenclaw's colors.

Gryffindor Bruschetta: Bruschetta with tomato, mozzarella, and basil, paying homage to Gryffindor's boldness.

Polyjuice Potion Dip: A colorful dip with layers of different flavors, symbolizing the unpredictable Polyjuice Potion.

Sorting Hat Stuffed Mushrooms: Stuffed mushrooms with various fillings to sort guests into their own "houses."

Honeydukes Candy Skewers: Skewers featuring a variety of colorful candies reminiscent of Honeydukes sweet shop.

Felix Felicis Fruit Platter: A platter of assorted fruits, representing the good luck potion.

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MAIN COURSE

From hearty feasts fit for a Hogwarts banquet to elegantly crafted plates that pay homage to beloved characters and settings. Whether you're hosting a themed dinner party, a family gathering, or simply seeking to infuse your meals with a touch of wizardry, these recipes are sure to bring a dash of magic to your table.

Great Hall Feast Buffet: Set up a buffet with a variety of dishes reminiscent of the lavish feasts in the Great Hall, such as roasted meats, vegetables, and hearty stews.

Molly Weasley's Shepherd's Pie: A comforting shepherd's pie topped with creamy mashed potatoes, just like Mrs. Weasley would make.

Triwizard Tournament Tacos: Offer a taco bar with various fillings and toppings, symbolizing the international nature of the tournament.

Chamber of Secrets Basilisk Pasta:

Create a pasta dish with spinach linguine, representing the serpent from the Chamber of Secrets

Bangers and Mash: Serve traditional British sausages with creamy mashed potatoes and onion gravy.

Muggle Meat Pie: A hearty meat pie filled with ground meat and vegetables, a favorite among muggles.

Gillyweed Greens Salad: Offer a fresh salad with a variety of greens, herbs, and edible flowers, inspired by gillyweed.

Dragon Meat Skewers: Skewers of marinated chicken or beef, named after the fearsome dragons in the Triwizard Tournament.

Honeydukes Ham Sandwiches: Serve a selection of ham sandwiches inspired by the sweets sold at Honeydukes.

Nagini's Coiled Pasta: Create a pasta dish with spiraled noodles and a flavorful sauce, representing Nagini the snake.

The Leaky Cauldron's Fish and Chips: A classic British dish featuring battered fish and crispy potato chips.

3 Broomsticks Rotisserie Chicken: Rotisserie chicken served with roasted vegetables and gravy, just like in Hogsmeade.

Hogwarts House Burgers: Customize burgers with toppings that match the colors and themes of each Hogwarts house

Forbidden Forest Pizza: Serve a variety of pizza flavors named after creatures and elements from the Forbidden Forest.



DESSERT

Much like the bewitching spells and fantastical creatures of the wizarding world, these delectable treats are designed to captivate your taste buds and transport you to a realm where sugar and sorcery collide. Prepare to satisfy your sweet tooth and awaken your inner wizard in the most delicious way possible.

Butterbeer Cupcakes: Cupcakes with a butterbeer-flavored frosting and caramel drizzle.

Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Bean

Cookies: Sugar cookies with colorful icing, imitating the unpredictable bean flavors.

Sorting Hat Cookies: Sugar cookies shaped like the Sorting Hat, decorated with house colors.

Golden Snitch Cake Pops: Cake pops decorated as golden snitches, complete with wings.

Honeydukes Candy Buffet: Set up a candy bar with a variety of wizarding sweets like Chocolate Frogs and Jelly Slugs.

Polyjuice Potion Pudding Parfaits: Layered chocolate and vanilla pudding cups with whimsical decorations.

Treacle Tart: Serve this traditional British dessert often mentioned in the books.

Chocolate Frogs: Create chocolate frog-shaped chocolates with collectible wizard cards.

Deathly Hallows Chocolate Truffles:

Dark chocolate truffles shaped like the Deathly Hallows symbol.

Pumpkin Pasties: Sweet pastries filled with pumpkin and spices for a delightful treat.

Cauldron Cakes: Cupcakes or mini cakes shaped like cauldrons, frosted and decorated creatively.

Nimbus 2000 Pretzel Broomsticks: Mini pretzel sticks with a chocolate "broom" end to resemble Nimbus 2000s.

Chocolate Wands: Create chocolate bars shaped like wizarding wands with different flavors.

Mandrake Cupcakes: Cupcakes with edible fondant mandrake decorations "pulled" from chocolate "soil."

Fluffy's Marshmallow Treats: Rice cereal treats shaped like Fluffy, Hagrid's three-headed dog.

Lemon Sherbet Lemons: Tangy lemon candies reminiscent of Dumbledore's favorite sherbet lemons.



DRINKS

Step into a world where potions aren't just for wizards, and beverages are brimming with enchantment. Get ready to raise your glass, channel your inner wizard, and sip on the essence of Harry Potter's magical universe. **These ideas are meant to spark your imagination while you create potions of your own.**

Butterbeer: A creamy and frothy butterscotch-flavored drink, enjoyed by wizards and muggles alike.

Pumpkin Juice: A sweet and tangy pumpkin-flavored drink, perfect for fall gatherings.

Polyjuice Potion Punch: A colorful and fizzy punch with layers of different fruit juices and flavors.

Goblet of Fire Fruit Punch: A vibrant red fruit punch served in goblet-like cups.

Veritaserum Elixir: A clear and sparkling drink served in vials for a touch of magic.

Floean Fortescue's Ice Cream

Floats: Create ice cream floats using different flavored sodas and ice cream.

Felix Felicis Fizz: A sparkling lemon-lime drink named after the luck-enhancing potion.

Gillywater: Simple water infused with cucumber or lemon slices for a refreshing option.

Potion of Tranquility: A blend of chamomile tea, honey, and lemon juice for a soothing and calming option.

Madam Rosmerta's Apple Cider:

Serve warm or chilled apple cider in honor of the Three Broomsticks.

Mandrake Mocktail: A blend of fruit juices and soda with a splash of grenadine for a vibrant color.

Basilisk Bite: A mixture of cranberry juice, orange juice, and sparkling water for a tangy twist.

Honeydukes Sweet Tea: Sweetened iced tea with a hint of lemon for a refreshing drink.

Alohomora Lemonade: Classic lemonade with a sprig of mint, making it both refreshing and visually appealing.

Witch's Brew: A mix of different fruit juices and a splash of grenadine, served in cauldron-like cups.

Muggle Magic Elixir: A blend of blueberry, raspberry, and blackberry juices, creating a magical hue.

Bubbling Cauldron Cooler: Combine lemon-lime soda and pineapple juice for a bubbly and tropical drink.



ACTIVITIES

Embarking on a Harry Potter movie marathon isn't just about watching films; it's an immersive journey into a world of magic, friendship, and adventure. As you settle in for hours of wizarding wonder, why not enhance the experience with a touch of enchantment?

Wizarding Trivia: Test your knowledge with a trivia game featuring questions about the movies, characters, and spells.

Magical Charades: Act out scenes, spells, or characters from the movies for others to guess in a game of charades.

House Sorting: Use an online quiz or create your own Sorting Hat ceremony to sort your guests into Hogwarts houses.

Spell Dueling: Have fun with mock spell dueling using toy wands and creative "spells."

Potion Making: Set up a potion-making station with colorful liquids and ingredients, allowing guests to create their own magical concoctions.

Horcrux Hunt: Create a scavenger hunt with hidden "Horcruxes" (small objects) for participants to find.

Magical Crafting: Provide supplies for guests to create wands, house scarves, or other magical crafts.

Harry Potter Bingo: Design bingo cards with scenes, quotes, or objects that might appear in the movies.

Wizarding Costume Contest:

Encourage guests to dress up as their favorite characters and hold a costume contest.

Character Impersonations: Challenge guests to impersonate characters and hold a contest for the best impressions.

Quidditch Challenges: Organize mini-games or challenges inspired by Quidditch positions and rules.

Pajama Party: Encourage guests to come in their comfiest pajamas or robes for ultimate movie-watching comfort.

Potter Pictionary: Draw scenes or objects from the movies while others try to guess what they are.

Fan Theory Discussion: Engage in discussions about fan theories and hidden details from the books and movies.

Guess the Quote: Read out quotes from the movies and have guests guess which character said them.

House Points Competition: Award house points for participation, trivia answers, and other activities throughout the marathon.

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Mischief Managed

As the credits roll on the last film and the echoes of magical incantations fade away, you've reached the end of your extraordinary Harry Potter movie marathon. You've laughed, cried, and marveled at the adventures of Harry, Hermione, Ron, and a cast of characters that have become a part of your own story. This marathon wasn't just about movies; it was about stepping into a realm of wonder, friendship, and bravery.

But as you re-enter the Muggle world, remember that the magic doesn't have to end here. The lessons of courage, loyalty, and the power of love and friendship can continue to inspire your own journey. Whether you're brewing a cup of tea reminiscent of the Three Broomsticks, trying your hand at a bit of wandmaking, or simply carrying the memory of Hogwarts with you, the wizarding world is yours to revisit whenever you please.

So, until your next movie marathon or your next adventure into the pages of J.K. Rowling's enchanting tales, keep that Hogwarts spirit alive. After all, the magic lives on in you, waiting to be discovered whenever you need a touch of enchantment in your everyday life. Until then, remember: "Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."