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This is where your story begins.
# LIST OF CHARACTERS FOR THE HOST

8 REQUIRED, 4 OPTIONAL (5F, 3 EITHER, 4 M)

The costume suggestions are only suggestions – they can wear any costume they wish and simply wear their name tag.

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<td>MARTHA MAY BELLS</td>
<td>Martha May Bells is an heiress who always gets what she wants – except for her secret childhood crush. Martha May has mastered the art of eavesdropping, so if you have skeletons in your cupboard, it is best not to breathe a word of them. The neighbors get annoyed by Martha May during the holiday season since she is ultra-competitive with her Christmas décor.</td>
<td>Tacky but elegant Christmas sweater. Hair in an outrageous Christmas-inspired updo.</td>
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<td>CAROL KNIGHT</td>
<td>Carol Knight is one of the most friendly people you will ever have the pleasure of meeting. Being a manicurist, Carol knows most everybody in the town of Holly Hills because they are on her client list. She stresses during the holidays, however, since her eccentric brother comes to town.</td>
<td>Tacky sweater. Even tackier Christmas accessories to go with your sweater.</td>
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<td>SAM MANGER</td>
<td>Sam Manger is the obnoxious dog groomer at Manger Mutt Cuts. Sam is an animal lover and takes excellent care of animals. However, s/he is a terrible groomer with horrible ideas for pet haircuts. Sam’s newest style is the box cut, and the poodles of Holly Hills are all hiding in closets until their hair grows back.</td>
<td>Tacky sweater. Print off pictures of ridiculous dog grooming cuts to bring with you as your portfolio (optional).</td>
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<td>EDDIE EVERGREEN</td>
<td>Eddie Evergreen is the obnoxious baker at Cousin Eddie’s Cookies. Eddie lives life the way that s/he wants and doesn’t care about being judged. The townsfolk of Holly Hills gave Eddie a nickname of 3C, which stands for crass, cluttered and chaotic.</td>
<td>Tacky sweater. Spatula or whisk and chef’s hat as optional accessories.</td>
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<td>GINGER STARRY</td>
<td>Ginger Starry is the manipulative display designer for Nogstrum’s Department Store. She inherited the role of display design manager when her boss choked on a piece of fruitcake at the company’s holiday party. Ginger also takes on other part-time positions around town to make ends meet.</td>
<td>Tacky sweater. Very over-the-top Christmas accessories.</td>
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<td>FARRAH FROST</td>
<td>Farrah Frost plays the role of The Sugarplum Fairy at the Decking Halls Playhouse. Farrah is a beautiful ballerina who teaches private lessons to the kids of Holly Hills in the offseason. During the holidays, however, Farrah is always on her toes.</td>
<td>Tacky sweater. Ballet shoes &amp; fairy wings are an optional accessory.</td>
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| **ROXY RUDOLPH**  
**Olympic Ice Dancer**  
**REQUIRED**  
**female** | Roxy Rudolph is an enigma to most people of Holly Hills. She is a talented Olympic Silver Medalist and U.S. National Champion ice dancer. Roxy has decided to put her skates away, slow down the pace, and enjoy life. She plans to open an eggnog shop on Winter Street next to *Cousin Eddie’s Cookies.* | Tacky sweater.  
Silver medal as an optional prop. |
| **SCUT FURKUS**  
**Candy Store Owner**  
**REQUIRED**  
**either** | Scut Furkus is a notorious neighborhood bully that plagued the Sugar Plum Point subdivision for many years. When Scut inherited his/her grandfather’s candy store, s/he had to turn over a new leaf when the townspeople picketed on the sidewalk. Nowadays, Scut is one of the most helpful people in the town of Holly Hills. | Tacky sweater.  
Coonskin cap as an optional accessory. |
| **RALPHIE CHESTNUT**  
**Train Conductor**  
**Optional character**  
**male** | Ralphie Chestnut is genuinely fun to be around because he was born for comedy. A dedicated train conductor for the North Pole Express, he loves to tell jokes during the ride. He’s known for the story about his mother buying him a BB gun for Christmas after months of begging. He nearly shot himself in the eye the first and last time he pulled the trigger. | Tacky sweater.  
Glasses as an accessory. |
| **KEVIN MCALLISTER**  
**Unemployed**  
**Optional character**  
**male** | Kevin McAllister is a thirty-something who still lives at home with his parents. Kevin has post-traumatic stress disorder from his childhood when he was home alone, having to fend off burglars on Christmas Day. The holiday season is mentally draining on Kevin, and he is not sure when or if he can ever get over his Christmas trauma. | Tacky sweater. |
| **HOWIE LANGSTON**  
**Mattress Salesman**  
**Optional character**  
**male** | Howie Langston is the devoted father and overworked mattress salesman. Every holiday season, Howie will do anything it takes to find his son the perfect Christmas present. This year, he is at his wit’s end searching for a Supersonic Man doll. | Tacky sweater. |
| **CLARK GRISWALL**  
**Inventor**  
**Optional character**  
**male** | A struggling inventor, Clark Griswall is the traditional family man. He will go to the ends of the earth to make his family happy. However, Clark has a knack for making the wrong decisions and finding trouble.  
*This player can be expanded up to 15 members of the Griswall family. Download the optional Griswall Family file from your account and make a copy for each player on this team.* | Tacky sweater. |

Don’t forget to become part of our loyalty program by leaving a testimonial with photo of your party at [www.Facebook.com/MyMysteryParty](http://www.Facebook.com/MyMysteryParty) You’ll receive a discount on your next event!
Each player will have a name-tag in the purchased game. With the boxed version, you’ll get the one above. With the party ready pack, this will be printed on an adhesive backed nametag.
Host Instructions

GENERAL HOSTING: during the party, your job as the host is to make sure the rounds flow correctly. As the host, you may choose to play any character you wish. You will pass out the clue cards to the guests at the appropriate times. As the mystery progresses, check on your guests to see if they are discussing the clues and implementing tasks on their clue cards (some players may have tasks). Encourage them to mingle with the other players, and not to rush anything. It’s all about gossiping and sharing secrets! They should speak to every other player at least once during each round. Your guests are playing a character role, so they should embrace their character’s lack of integrity and motives. With that said, if you opt to do the optional money challenge, you can instruct the guests to hold back secrets for money (see the bonus activity instructions for more details).

Full instructions for the host are included in the purchased game.
GAME STRUCTURE: the game is organized into four rounds and is structured as follows:

OPTIONAL PRE-GAME STARTER: these optional pre-game tasks are to be delivered to each guest before the party, or give them to the guests as they arrive. All pre-game materials are optional. They are intended to enhance the build up for the event. These tasks are not vital to solving the mystery. Also, encourage your guests to view the Your Mystery Party guest pre-game website to get them excited about your game (this is highly encouraged).

ROUND ONE: Deliver the round one clue card envelopes as your guests arrive. It is optional to serve cocktails for adults and appetizers.

ROUND TWO: Deliver the round two clue card envelopes. It is optional to break for dinner either before or after this round.

SOLUTION ROUND THREE: Deliver the round three solutions. It is optional to serve coffee/hot cocoa and dessert.

Don’t host a party without some type of food/beverage offering - hungry guests are not happy guests.

For further questions, check out our FAQ webpage at http://mymysteryparty.com/how-to-host-faq/ or our author’s blog for more DIY and hosting help: http://mymysteryparty.com/murder-mystery-blog/

If your question is still not addressed in the FAQ/blog or these instructions, contact us via email: support@mymysteryparty.com Responses are guaranteed within 24 hours.

Full instructions for the host are included in the purchased game.
Example Timeline

7:00 PM: Guests arrive. Take guest photos and serve refreshments. Have the invited guest list available for the guests to view as they trickle into the party. Once everybody has arrived, snap a group photo!

7:10 PM: The host goes over the guest instructions for the mystery game. It is optional to have each character stand up and introduce themselves to the group. You can play the game trailer video for an introduction.

7:20 PM: The round one clue cards are handed out, and the game begins. The guests mingle and discuss the clues on their clue cards. Motives will start to unfold during this round.

7:50 PM: An optional bonus game is played.

8:05 PM: An optional dinner is served. Snacks can be served throughout the party instead.

8:35 PM: The round two envelopes are handed out, and the guests mingle about with their pre-murder clues.

9:00 PM: The victim is revealed, and the investigation of the crime begins. The mystery investigation sheets are handed out, and the guests interrogate each other (using the post-murder clues). Each guest should interview every player in the game.

9:15 PM: The forensic report is revealed.

9:30 PM: The investigation sheets (guesses of whodunit) are turned in to the host. After the sheets are collected, the guests may take turns accusing who they believe did it.

9:45 PM: Dessert and coffee may be served at this time. The round three solutions are handed out to the guests. Each player presents their solution, and the murderer confesses at the end. Allow a few minutes for the guests to mingle at the end to discuss the mystery.

10:00 PM: Another optional bonus game may be played &/or host an optional awards ceremony!

To shorten the mystery party, omit the bonus games, don’t stop for dinner, omit the accusation round, and don’t host an awards ceremony. Also, you can shorten the game even further by only having the required players read their solutions (or even just the murderer). If you wish to extend the length of the party, add more bonus games!
OPTIONAL PRE-GAME TASKS

The following tasks are completely optional and exclusion of them does not alter the mystery in any way. However, it does lead to pre-game build up and excitement! Cut the task strips (below) out and slip them into envelopes and send about 1 week prior to the party. Be sure to fill in your guests’ preferred contact information on the task slips so they will be able to contact each other. The usual method of contact is via email. Write Not Applicable / NA on contact info blanks for characters that will not be played in your game.

For some pre-party fun, contact the following guests in the week leading up to the party:

Contact the guest playing Character N and ask her to please tell you if her brother, Will Knight, will be coming into town this year. You would love to make time to see him – you haven’t seen him since grade school!

(Contact info:__________________________________________________________________________)

Contact the guest playing Character W and say you heard he created edible toothpaste that doubles as a breakfast treat when used in the morning, but that it was turned down by his company’s focus group. That is such a shame; you’d die to have a product like that! You never have time for breakfast.

(Contact info:__________________________________________________________________________)

Contact the guest playing Character O and say that your poodle has never looked more ridiculous. His head is shaped like a cube and the rest of his body is shaved! Now, Max can’t lead the Holly Hills Christmas Parade!

(Contact info:__________________________________________________________________________)

Here is an example of a pre-game card. Names were removed to minimize spoilers. Each player in the game, including expansion pack players (purchased separately) will have a round one card.
ROUND ONE CLUES
Cut out the clue cards, slip into envelopes and label with the character and round. ➤

CHARACTER B - ROUND ONE

CLUES TO REVEAL DURING THIS ROUND
During this round, mingle with other guests to discuss the following information:

- Talk about how your bakery is clean and doesn’t have a Salmonella contamination. Character H became ill with a stomach virus – that was going around town – and blamed it on your sugarplum cookies. She went to the Holly Hills Daily and told her friend, a reporter about it and they did a story that was completely erroneous, claiming your bakery was contaminated. Ever since the article was published, you’ve had only half the business as you usually do. You can’t stand her!
- You heard Character V had her poodle groomed by Character F and the poodle (Max) looks very silly. Max was supposed to lead the Holly Hills Christmas Parade, but Character V refuses to allow him to be in it now. Max has led the parade for the last eight years. It will be weird if he doesn’t this year!
- Character X has an understudy for her role of The Sugarplum Fairy at the Decking Halls Playhouse production of The Nutcracker. You would be afraid to have someone second in line, waiting in the wings to take over your job! They may do something to you to get your job!
- Ask around to see what people think of Will Knight – Character Z’s older brother who believes he is a Christmas elf. You heard he is very successful now. How does someone who believes they are a Christmas elf become so successful?
- If you’re asked about it, eggnog is seasonal, and not everybody likes it, anyway, so opening an eggnog shop would be a dumb idea. More people like coffee – now that would make more sense.

PERSONAL CLUES TO CONCEAL

- You’ll never forgive Character D for lying about your bakery and blaming her stomach virus on ‘contaminated sugarplum cookies.’ You have never had an issue where any of your products were contaminated – you follow food safety rules! Nine days after eating the cookies, she claimed she got Salmonella poisoning. Nobody else was sick from that batch – or from any other product in your store.

Here is an example of a round one card. Names were removed to minimize spoilers. Each player in the game, including expansion pack players (purchased separately) will have a round one card.
ROUND TWO CLUES

Cut out the clue cards, slip into envelopes and label with the character and round. ✧

CHARACTER G - ROUND TWO

PRE MURDER CLUES TO REVEAL & TASKS TO PERFORM:

• Talk to Character S about her/his apology in the newspaper. You appreciate that s/he was able to admit all of the horrible things s/he did to people over the years. It takes a strong person with integrity to do that. Character K should have done the same thing – she was just as big of a bully as Character S back then! It seems like most of the townspeople still hold a grudge towards her, but most people are starting to forgive Character S for what s/he has done.
• Tell a few people that your train (the North Pole Express) sells out on tickets by September 1st every year – you’re the only conductor and can only make so many train rides around the city in a day. However, when people like Character T break the rules and sneak on the train with their nephew, it causes the people who actually paid for a ticket not to get a seat! Character T was able to sneak on while your assistant was out sick one day, and you didn’t know about it until it was too late. You had to refund two tickets that day because the people who actually paid for seats didn’t get one and had to stand. She is a horrible person.
• Talk to everybody about how Character C hasn’t said a word about a grade school crush she had until the guy was listed in Forbes Magazine as one of the most successful people in the world. Seems like a coincidence. Character C is alright, but you don’t think she deserves to win the Ms. Christmas award every year. Other people have just as much Christmas spirit than she does – if not more!

POST MURDER:

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• You go jogging every day in the neighborhood before your first train ride.
شكر
• You never left the Silver Bell Ballroom (where the party was held) once the party started.
شكر
• You would be shocked if your fingerprints were on the murder weapon – you’d have no reason for it.
شكر
• Many people were missing from the Silver Bell Ballroom during the time the victim was murdered. You’ll need to try to map out where everybody was right around that time.
شكر
• The murderer had to be in the same room with the victim when s/he was killed.
شكر
• The killer will obviously lie to throw everybody off – so speak to everybody to get the full story.

Here is an example of a round two card. Names were removed to minimize spoilers. Each player in the game, including expansion pack players (purchased separately) will have a round one card.
Use the diagram to the left to determine where everybody was during the time of the murder. The green rectangles are doors.

Each player will have a mystery investigation sheet in the purchased game. This is the format of the downloadable version. The boxed version may be within the detective-themed scheme of our kits. The design of the party ready pack version of the investigation sheet may fluctuate over time.

YOUR BEST GUESS OF WHODUNIT – INCLUDE MOTIVE AND HOW THEY DID IT:

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ADDITIONAL NOTES:

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ROUND THREE SOLUTION CARDS
Cut out the clue cards, slip into envelopes and label with the character and round. ☑️

CHARACTER B

FINAL SOLUTION ROUND THREE – READ AFTER CHARACTER S

When it is your turn, say the following to the group:

The solution for this character will be given here.
They will present it to the group in a certain order, directed by the cards.

THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERS ARE TO READ THEIR SOLUTIONS IN THIS ORDER. IF ANY ARE NOT PRESENT, SKIP THEM AND GO TO THE NEXT IN LINE.
CHARACTER A, CHARACTER K, CHARACTER O, CHARACTER S

Bonus games may vary between party ready pack and download version. Names removed and solution was removed to prevent spoilers.
MENU SUGGESTIONS
SANTA’S STUFFED MUSHROOMS
HOLLY BERRY SALAD
SANTA’S FAMOUS STUFFED CHICKEN
NORTH POLE CASSEROLE
MERRY MARSCAPONE MASHED POTATOES
ROASTED HOLIDAY FUNGI (MUSHROOMS)
HAPPY HOLIDAY CAKE

Check out our Pinterest page for this game to see some other cake décor suggestions, such as a Christmas sweater patterns, etc.

SWEET ENDING
JINGLE BELL JUICE
TOYLICIOUS SHAKE
SANTA’S STRAWBERRY PUNCH

Recipes are included in the purchased version. These are the recipes in the download version. The party ready pack may have different recipes.
BONUS ACTIVITIES!

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This page does not need to be printed with the kit – it is additional information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GAME:

- Head over to the Your Mystery Party guest invite site at https://yourmysteryparty.com/tacky *if you are playing with an expansion pack, you will go to the web address given in the expansion pack file.
- Pinterest page: https://www.pinterest.com/mymysteryparty/murder-at-the-ugly-christmas-sweater-party/
  Social media posts: #TackySweaterMurder, #MyMysteryParty – no spoilers, please! Spoilers include any text/graphics from the game, including the victim sign, and do not divulge who the murder and victim are, please.
- YouTube Game Trailer is located on the game page and Your Mystery Party page.

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