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Event Guide
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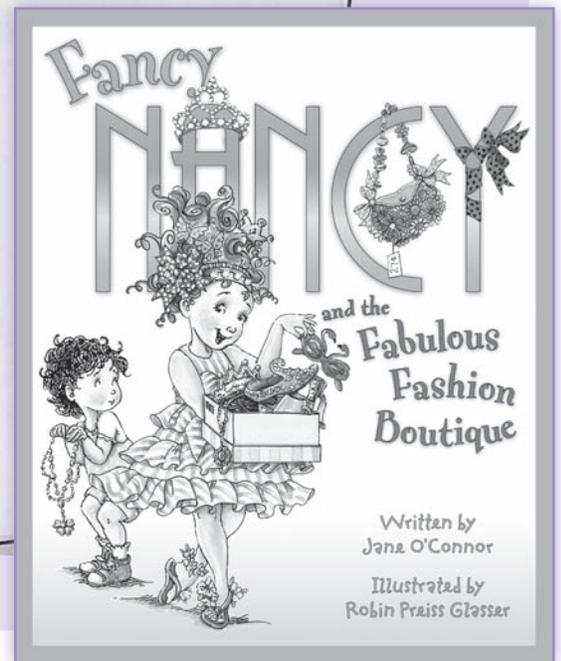
Fancy girls (and moms) the world over love nothing better than a good shopping expedition. In her latest adventure, *Fancy Nancy and the Fabulous Fashion Boutique*, our friend Fancy Nancy opens up a chic boutique to make money for a very good cause—her own shopping habit!

There's plenty of fun along the way as Fancy Nancy learns about being an entrepreneur (that's fancy for having your own business), making money, and the fantastic feeling that comes from finding the perfect purchase, as well as giving the perfect gift. With Fancy Nancy and her *fantastique* (that's French for really cool) boutique as our inspiration, we've created this event kit, complete with a myriad (that means a whole bunch) of suggestions, reproducibles, giveaways, and activity ideas to help you create a sleek, unique, boutique-themed event of your very own.

Get ready to shop, create, imagine, and enjoy with Fancy Nancy and all your fashionable friends.

Shop happy!

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SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HOSTESS

A great party—like a great boutique—starts with some planning. To make sure your affair is extraordinaire (that's French for super-duper) start with some simple suggestions from our favorite hostess (and shopper), Fancy Nancy.

SALE CALLING ALL SHOPPERS: Use the template in this booklet to create customized event invitations to distribute in the weeks leading up to your boutique's grand opening. Fill in the event details, personalize if you like, photocopy, cut along the dotted lines, and send to everyone on your guest list.

SALE GET IN GEAR: Make sure your budding boutiquers have everything they need to start planning their very own shop. Each guest will need a small journal, pencil or pen, and glue stick. Start collecting fashion magazines now to provide lots of inspiration.

SALE SET THE STAGE: Provide plenty of ideas by papering the party room's walls with magazine covers, shots from fashion shows (surf the web for plenty of images), stills from fashion-forward movies, and photos of fashionable celebs.

SALE BE FASHION-FRIENDLY: Make sure to let your guests know that they're welcome to come as decked out as they like. Then have a big box of dress-up goodies to add to the fun. Check out the back of your own and your friends' closets, and then visit thrift shops for more. Make sure you've got some really extravagant (that's a fancy word for really wild) offerings, like boas, sparkly high heels, glittery jewelry, feathered hats, and faux fur capes.

SALE THE HOST WITH THE MOST: Make your guests feel right at home by greeting each one individually and introducing them to one another. Perhaps you'd like to use a few words of French (just like Nancy does) for a truly chic greeting? How about *bonjour* (that's "hello"), *bienvenue* (that means "welcome"), or *salut* (that's "hi").

SALE EXCEED THE READ: Make your reading of *Fancy Nancy and the Fabulous Fashion Boutique* even more special by adding some key props from the book. Items to have on hand: a pirate's eye patch, a lacy fan (in fuchsia, of course, since that's Nancy's favorite color), a sign advertising the boutique's grand opening, a ruffled dress, a sparkly necklace, a boa, a parasol, bananas, and, of course, cake (if not edible, then crafted out of cardboard)!

SALE SAYING AU REVOIR: Don't let your guests leave empty-handed. A pretty little coin purse is the perfect gift—it can be used to store profits from sales and on your guest's own shopping excursions.

THE RIGHT INVITE

These *très* (that's French for very) easy-to-use invitations can start your party off on the right fancy foot. Simply fill in the details, photocopy, cut along the dotted lines, and distribute to as many people as you'd like.

YOU'RE INVITED to a chic boutique soirée!

(That means we want you to come to a very cool and fashionable party.)

Place: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

R.S.V.P.: _____

Be fine and fashionable—there's no such thing as overdressed here!
Come bejeweled, baubled, and bedecked!



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THE NAME GAME

Before you can open your own boutique, it's essential that you select a name and theme. For example, Fancy Nancy's sister, JoJo, is mad about pirates, so her boutique might carry pirate fashions and she might choose the name JoJo's Fierce Pirate Emporium (that's a fancy word for store). Follow the steps below to help you choose a name and theme for your shop.



Start by thinking of what you'd like to sell in your store. Do you plan on selling lots of different types of one thing (like either shoes or jewelry)? Or all different kinds of items (like clothing and accessories)? Will your store be elegant (that's a fancy word for, well, fancy!) or casual? Will the things you sell be expensive (that means they cost a lot) or reasonably priced (that means they don't)? Make a list here of all the items you plan to sell:

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Then think about the style of your boutique. Will it be simple or fancy, expensive or modest, filled with the latest fashions or more everyday items? What are your favorite colors and styles? Write down some notes here:

Now that you've decided what to sell and the style of your shop, it's time to choose a name. Put down your top six choices below, survey friends and family, and then pick a favorite!

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MY BOUTIQUE WILL BE CALLED: _____



LEARN TO SPEAK BOUTIQUE

If you're going to be part of the fabulous world of fashion, you've got to learn to speak the lingo (that's a witty word for language). Match these fashion-friendly words to their meanings and you'll soon be an industry insider (that's fancy for expert)!

1. CHIC

2. DESIGNER

3. FASHIONISTA

4. TRENDY

5. À LA MODE

6. PANACHE

7. VINTAGE

8. PASSÉ

9. MUST-HAVE

10. BOUTIQUE

A. The person who creates the fashions

B. Knowing about the latest trends

C. Distinctive and stylish

D. Something from the past

E. Absolutely essential

F. Totally out of fashion

G. A small shop

H. Someone who is very stylish

I. Elegant and fashionable

J. French for "in the current style"



Answers: 1.I, 2.A, 3.H, 4.B, 5.J, 6.C, 7.D, 8.F, 9.E, 10.G



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STOCKING YOUR SHELVES

Once you've chosen a shop name and studied the latest lingo, you may want to manufacture some merchandise (that's fancy for stuff) to sell. These two products are easy to make—and are sure to be bestsellers!



TERRIFIC TIARAS

Nothing tops off a *très* chic (that's fancy French for very elegant) outfit like a sparkly tiara.

Here's what you'll need:

- ♥ Metallic silver or gold poster board
- ♥ Decorations: stickers, feathers, felt designs, plastic gems
- ♥ Scissors
- ♥ Double-sided tape
- ♥ Two large paper clips

Instructions:

- ♥ Ask a grown-up to help you cut out a basic tiara (or crown) shape from the poster board.
- ♥ Draw a fancy edge along the middle part of the tiara (where it will sit above your forehead) and ask a grown-up to cut that out, too.
- ♥ Use double-sided tape to beautify your tiara with the decorations.
- ♥ Wrap it around to make a circle that fits your head and then paper clip the ends. *Voilà* (that's French for ta-da!): A princess is born!



IT'S FAN-TASTIC!

In *Fancy Nancy and the Fabulous Fashion Boutique*, Nancy falls in love with a beautiful fan she spots at her favorite store, Belle's Fabulous Fashion Boutique for Girls. Follow the basic instructions below to make some fashionable fans for your own customers; it'll be a breeze!

Here's what you'll need:

- ♥ Colored construction paper
- ♥ Markers or crayons
- ♥ Stapler
- ♥ Optional: a pretty ribbon, tassel, or yarn

Instructions:

- ♥ Draw and color pretty designs (like balls, flowers, or rainbows) on a piece of construction paper. It's best to make designs rather than a picture, since you're going to be folding the paper and a picture won't really show.
- ♥ Lay the paper vertically (that means the long way) in front of you on a table. Starting at the top, fold down about one inch all the way across. Press on the crease well.
- ♥ Flip the paper over, with the fold still at the top. Then fold down another inch of paper on top of the first fold and crease it well.
- ♥ Keep doing this, flipping and folding, each fold on top of the last one, until the whole piece of paper is folded like an accordion.
- ♥ Staple all the way through at one end (have a grown-up do this part), then gently unfold your pleats. Attach ribbon, a tassel, or yarn at the end with another staple.

ISN'T IT GRAND?

When your store is stocked, you'll want to host a grand-opening gala. Use the template below to create an invitation to your boutique's one-of-a-kind grand-opening event. Include information on what you're planning—music, refreshments, a runway show, and more. Offer a special gift to friends and family who are invited to attend: a discount (that's fancy for some savings) on any shopping they do during the event. Remember to decorate the invite in a way that reflects the motif (that's fancy for theme) of your very unique boutique!



(your name here)

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE GRAND OPENING
OF HER NEW BOUTIQUE

(name of your boutique here)

Date: _____

Time: _____

Address: _____

Special Attractions: _____

Plus, as a special gift for attending, you'll receive a discount
off any purchase you make during the party.

R.S.V.P.: _____

(That's French for let me know if you can come.)



PUTTING ON A SHOW

Lots of boutiques host in-store events to show off their fabulous fashions. In *Fancy Nancy and the Fabulous Fashion Boutique*, Nancy puts on a fashion show at her sister's birthday party. Here's how to create a fashion show of your very own—all you'll need are plenty of dress-up clothes and a bunch of bananas!

- SALE** Practice makes perfect: Practice walking straight and tall, just like a model. Here's a good way to start: Place a banana on top of your head and walk slowly around the room without making it fall off. Once you've mastered (that's fancy for gotten good at) the banana, try doing the same thing with a book balanced on your head.
- SALE** Dress up, up, up: Get out all the goodies—the boas and the bangles and the tiaras—and get yourself and your fellow models all dolled up.
- SALE** If you don't have lots of dress-up possibilities, you can always make a newspaper fashion show. All you need are piles of old newspapers, scissors, and masking tape. You can fold sheets of paper into skirts and hats, tape them together for capes and wraps, or roll them into tubes for belts and bracelets. You can even work in teams for extra fun. Be sure to ask an adult for assistance when using scissors.
- SALE** Each model gets her turn on the catwalk (that's what fashionistas call the runway where the models show off the clothes). If you like, you can give little gifts to each model for having the silliest, fanciest, most creative, or most fashionable outfit.
- SALE** Use your words: At a real fashion show, someone describes each ensemble (that's fancy—and French—for outfit) as the model walks the runway. Take turns describing one another's outfits to all the people attending your show. Use lots of words for really, really good, like “beautiful,” “exquisite,” “fabulous,” “fantastic,” “stunning,” “striking,” and “très, très chic.”
- SALE** Ask someone to take pictures as the models pose, and then put together a “look book” (or portfolio) of your products. That way you'll have a record of your inventory and pretty pics of your event!



PAPER BOUTIQUE

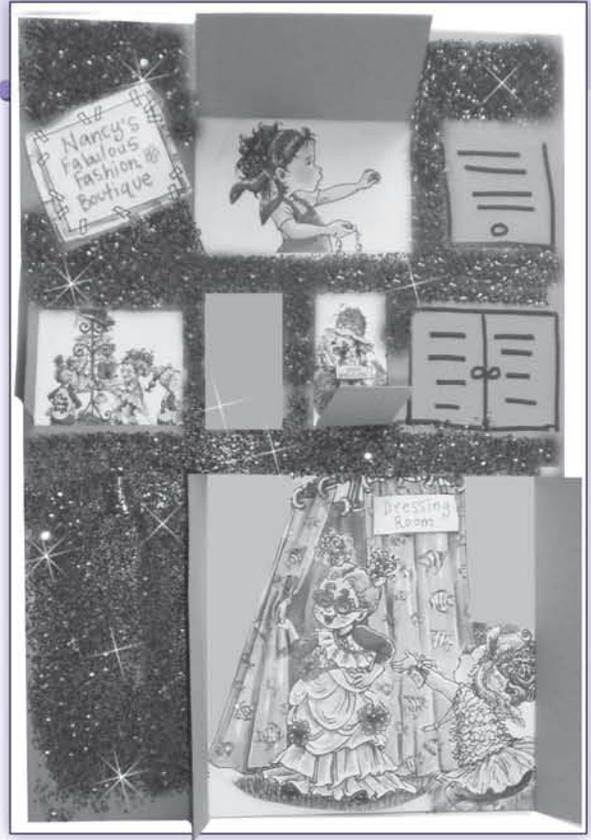
Build your own boutique with windows filled with all the wonderful things you're planning to sell. It's easy to make—and loads of fun.

Here's what you'll need:

- ♥ Two pieces of heavy construction paper
- ♥ Colored pencils or markers
- ♥ Scissors
- ♥ Double-sided tape

Instructions:

- ♥ Draw lots of big doors and windows on one of the pieces of paper.
- ♥ Have a grown-up cut out three sides of each of the doors and windows. Then fold them open.
- ♥ Lay this piece of paper on top of the second piece and draw a thin line around where the windows and doors will be once the two pieces of paper are taped together.
- ♥ Then, on the second/bottom piece of paper, draw and color lots of boutique items in the windows and doors so when they open everyone can see what you've got for sale.
- ♥ Tape the two sheets of paper together and add decorations on the outside of your shop.
- ♥ Don't forget to draw a big sign with the name of your store.



Take it from the pros: Instead of drawing merchandise, ask an adult to help you cut out pieces of clothing, jewelry, scarves, shoes, purses, and more from some recycled fashion magazines. Then tape the items onto the windows and doors for a truly professional look!

SAFETY NOTE: This craft involves cutting. Please ask an adult for assistance. Hostess: You can do the cutting before guests arrive and have the paper ready for them to decorate and assemble.

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BUTTON BAUBLES AND BANGLES: *Take-Home Activity*

There are lots of beautiful things you can make with bunches of buttons. Here are a few ideas to get you started. Just gather together lots of buttons (craft stores sell them by the bag); some glue; thick thread, string, or fishing line; pieces of elastic; and a few other supplies (all supplies needed within each project are in bold). And don't forget to bring your imagination!



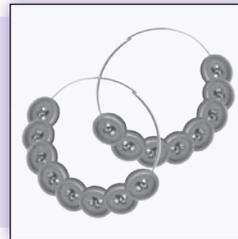
Make a Ponytail Holder Pick out a big button and use several loops of **thread or string** to secure it to an elastic band. You can **glue** other buttons on top if you like, or keep it simple with just one big beautiful button.

Make a Ring **Glue** together a stack of buttons, starting with the biggest one and adding smaller and smaller buttons. When the glue is dry, glue the stack to an adjustable **ring base** (available at craft stores or online).



Make a Barrette **Glue** together buttons in four stacks, with the biggest one on the bottom and smaller and smaller ones on top. Let the glue dry, then glue the stacks to a **hair barrette base** (available at craft stores or online—or use an old one of your own).

Make Earrings Thread a bunch of pretty buttons onto a set of **earring hoops** (available at craft stores, or you can use ones you already have).



Make a Bracelet With an adult's help, cut a piece of **elastic** about 2 inches longer than you want the finished bracelet to be. Hand-thread the buttons onto the elastic so that they will lay flat. You can cut out and glue **photos or drawings** onto the buttons if you like, or decorate the buttons with **paint or glitter**. Tie the ends of the elastic together and trim off any extra end pieces.

