



Sweater

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I love sweaters, although we only have a short span of wearing them here in California. We can get by with those summer sweaters, but those thick and warm ones get very little use here.

I think sweaters make a great theme for a party, and not just “ugly” sweater Christmas parties, but they say cozy, so a sweater themed fall or winter event can be a fun thing.

Sweater Event Theme Concept

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The event themes on the website can be used for showers, parties, women’s ministry retreats and activities, or church functions. Each theme will have one or several possible spiritual applications. *I give you lots of info and ideas—You pick just a few to enhance your event. More ideas can be used for showers and parties, but less is always more for ministry events.*

Theme Title Ideas

- A Beautiful Life in Christ
- A Cardigan Chat
- Beauty in Holiness
- Cozy Days
- Cozy Up!
- Fashioned for Joy
- Fireside Chat
- Joy in Friendship
- Knitted in Love
- Light in a Dark World
- Sweater Days
- Sweater Season
- Sweater Weather
- The Beautiful Gift
- The Good, the Bad, the Ugly
- Tis the Season for Sweaters
- Ugly Christmas Sweater Party
- Warm Winter Wishes
- Warming up to Friendship
- White as Wool

Spiritual & General Applications

- Focus on the ugliness of sin and how Christ came to wash that ugliness away so we could have beautiful lives in Him. (for an Ugly Christmas Party)
- Focus on not living in *ugly* sin after we have accepted Christ, but rather live in holiness. (for an Ugly Christmas Party)
- Focus on the cozy warmth of friendship and Christian fellowship.

Theme Verse Suggestions

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. 1 Thessalonians 4:7 (KJV)

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (KJV)

But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:22, 23 (KJV)

Devotional Starters & Workshop Ideas

- Do a study of the ugliness of sin and how the Beautiful Gift (Christ) came to save us from that sin.
- Do a study on not living in the ugliness of sin but living holy lives.
- Do a study of Ephesians Chapter 2 (ugliness of the flesh)
- Do a study on fellowship among believers.

Simple Decorating

I've seen a lot of Christmas sweater parties floating around the internet with ugly and tacky decorations, but I wouldn't go that route for a church related ladies meeting.

- Christmas decor (for Christmas party)
- Fall décor (for fall party)
- Winter decor (for winter party)
- Display Christmas sweaters. (Find them at thrift shops)
- Display throws or blankets with sweater patterns.
- Sweater trees (foam covered cones covered with sweater material)
- Cut off sleeves or cuffs of old sweaters and put around vases for arrangements. (Find sweaters at thrift shops)

Icebreakers

Sweater Point Game

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Festive Attire Game

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Christmas Charades Ideas

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Music

- Christmas songs
- Let the Beauty of Jesus (Orsborn)

Favor Ideas

- Beanie hat
- Christmas ornament
- Hand warmers
- Hot cocoa mixes
- Mittens
- Mug
- Packaged smores kit (for fall)
- Sweater coffee cup cozies

Door Prize Ideas

- Boxed Christmas candy
- Christmas apron
- Christmas boxed gifts (like Hickory Farms, boxed teas, etc.)
- Christmas dishtowel
- Christmas set of dishtowels
- Gift certificate to a clothing store (somewhere like Marshalls)
- Hot cocoa gift set (mugs and packaged hot cocoa, peppermint sticks)

- Mittens
- Warm scarf

Just for Fun

Shaped Invitations

Sent invitations in the shape of sweaters.

Include on Invitations

Let your guests know to wear a Christmas sweater (ugly if you want).

Group Activity

Decorate sweater shaped cookies together. Have icing, sprinkles, and small candies available.

Group Craft Project

Decorate sweaters. Have fabric glue, needle and thread, sequins, pom poms, etc. available.

Photo Time

Have fun props for photo opportunities. (Reindeer Antlers and Noses, Santa Beards, etc.) You could also have some extra “ugly” sweaters for props.

Regift Exchange

Have a Re-gifting Exchange. Let your guests know not to purchase a gift but to regift one that they haven’t used to bring to the party.

Give out “Cozy” Sweater Awards

- The fuzziest sweater
- The sweater with the most decoration

- The brightest colored sweater
- The biggest neck on a sweater (for cowlnecks and turtlenecks)
- The sweater with the most colors

Give out “Ugly” Sweater Awards

- Ultimate Ugliest Sweater
- Tackiest Sweater
- Most Colorful Sweater
- Most Creative Sweater
- Not Quite Ugly Sweater (for someone who wears a "pretty" Christmas sweater)
- Place Awards (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

Food & Serving

- Christmas sweater cookies
- Christmas sweater cake
- Fondue
- Christmas snacks and treats

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