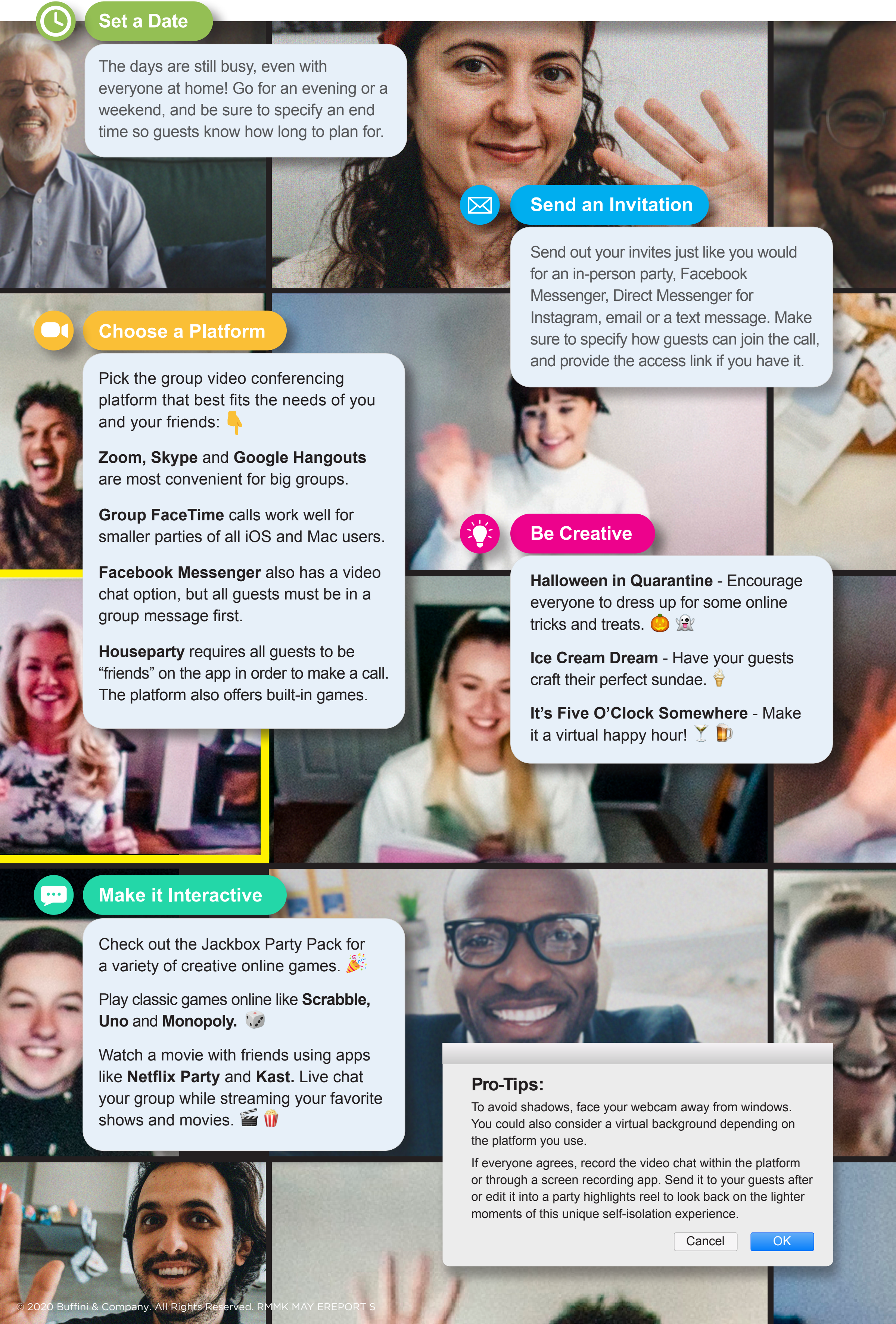# How to Host the Perfect Virtual Gathering

Need a little social interaction during self-isolation? The digital world makes it easy to host a gathering where nobody has to leave their home. Here is how to throw your own virtual party!

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Set a Date

The days are still busy, even with everyone at home! Go for an evening or a weekend, and be sure to specify an end time so guests know how long to plan for.

Send an Invitation

Send out your invites just like you would for an in-person party, Facebook Messenger, Direct Messenger for Instagram, email or a text message. Make sure to specify how guests can join the call, and provide the access link if you have it.

Choose a Platform

Pick the group video conferencing platform that best fits the needs of you and your friends: 👇

Zoom, Skype and **Google Hangouts** are most convenient for big groups.

Group FaceTime calls work well for smaller parties of all iOS and Mac users.

Facebook Messenger also has a video chat option, but all guests must be in a group message first.

Houseparty requires all guests to be "friends" on the app in order to make a call. The platform also offers built-in games.

Be Creative

Halloween in Quarantine - Encourage everyone to dress up for some online tricks and treats. 🎃 👻

Ice Cream Dream - Have your guests craft their perfect sundae. 🍦

It's Five O'Clock Somewhere - Make it a virtual happy hour! 🍸 🍺

Make it Interactive

Check out the Jackbox Party Pack for a variety of creative online games. 🎉

Play classic games online like **Scrabble, Uno** and **Monopoly.** 🎲

Watch a movie with friends using apps like **Netflix Party** and **Kast.** Live chat your group while streaming your favorite shows and movies. 🎬 🍿

Pro-Tips:

To avoid shadows, face your webcam away from windows. You could also consider a virtual background depending on the platform you use.

If everyone agrees, record the video chat within the platform or through a screen recording app. Send it to your guests after or edit it into a party highlights reel to look back on the lighter moments of this unique self-isolation experience.

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