

Planning A Baby Shower Guide

Below is a guide to planning a Baby Shower, utilize www.partycity.com for ALL your Baby Shower needs.

Keep the Lines of Communication Open

Mom, Mother-In-Law, Sister, Sister-In-Law or close friend normally plans the baby shower for the Mom to be. On rare occasions the Mom to be may plan her own shower.

When planning a baby shower there are a four things to be considered IMMEDIATELY:

- 1) Budget (how you want to spend)
- 2) Guest (who to invite)
- 3) Venue (location of the event)
- 4) Date of the baby shower (2-3 months before due date)

Choose a Baby Shower Theme

Baby shower themes are fun. If you know (100 % sure of the sex of the baby your theme could be based on that). However if the sex of the baby is not know here are a few suggestions.

- a) Neutral pastel color combination theme
(Yellow, green, white or yellow and white)
- b) Noah's ark theme
- c) Teddy Bear theme

Gift suggestions should be included basic necessity for mom to be and baby; such as:

- a) Cloth diapers
- a) Disposable diapers
- b) Baby lotion, oil, bath, powder
- c) Receiving blankets

Choose an invitation that displays the Baby

When selecting the baby shower invitation; keep it within the theme of the baby shower. The guest list for the baby shower should consist of family, friends and co-workers. Send your invitations at least one month before the planned event.

Opt for a venue

The most beneficial method to choose the appropriate venue to hold a baby shower is;

- a) Determine about the number of guests you are inviting
- b) Consider the budget
- c) Determine whether or not you'll need a location that gives food or one that will permit you to bring your personal. Several dining establishments have personal rooms which will be rented for any nominal fee, that is normally priced from the quantity of persons being served.

Baby Shower Favors

Favors can reflect the theme from the shower or you can choose a generic baby shower favor, such as:

Baby bootie, with candy and tulle

Pacifier, with candy and tulle

Alphabet block, with candy and tulle

Here are samples of baby shower favors;

For more Baby Shower party favors purchase The Party Favor Book at www.blockpartyservices.com

Be certain the meals is delicious plus the games are enjoyable

In case you are hosting the baby shower at a full-service venue, then your selection of meals will depend about the available menu as well as your food spending budget per person. For any much more casual mood, select 4 to five finger foods, drinks **NO ACHOLOIC BEVERAGES.....IT'S A BABY SHOWER!!!** If the mom to be can't drink alcohol out of respect to the mom to be don't have alcohol in the menu. It's a celebration and what's a celebration without a cake.

Baby Shower Menu Ideas

BABY SHOWER BRUNCH

Orange juice and various other fruit juices; perhaps add a couple of strawberries or some raspberries at the bottom of each glass
Fresh bagels with cream cheese and smoked salmon, or cold cuts with rolls
Chicken or seafood salad
Mini Danish
Fruit salad
Decaf coffee or tea with the shower cake

BRIDAL SHOWER LUNCH OR BRIDAL SHOWER DINNER

Appetizers: vegetables with dip, or cheese and cracker tray.
Orange juice and various other fruit juices
Caesar salad and rolls
A casserole such as lasagna, eggplant, salmon, chicken, etc.
Apple pie
Decaf coffee or tea with the shower cake

Baby SHOWER TEA

Sandwich assortment: cucumber, cheese, pate, etc.
Assortment of sugar cookies
Bite sized pastries
Fruit salad
Basket of individual tea choices
Shower cake
Orange juice and various other fruit juices

BABY SHOWER Games

For your baby shower games, plan for no more than 2-3 games for the guest:

Baby Shower Games

Tissue Game: ONLY item you will need is a roll of Toilet Tissue. As guest arrive have them tear any size length of the toilet tissue (don't tell them what it is for).

How Well Does She Know the Groom?: You and the bridesmaids come up with a list of questions for the groom, and then call him or email him before the shower to get the answers. Good questions would include the time/place of their first kiss, what he wants to name their first kid, what body part of hers is his favorite, etc.

Who Am I? Prior to the shower, get about 20 or 30 (depending on number of expected guests) index cards and write the name of a celebrity on them. As guests arrive, stick a card on their back, and don't tell them who it is. It's their job during the shower to ask other guests yes or no questions about their celebrity to eventually try to figure out who they are. The first person to figure it out wins a prize, and why not offer prizes for the second and third person as well?

Utilize simple prizes like candles (place in a gift bag or wrap in cellophane with a ribbon)

*****Don't forget to make that special baby shower hat---paper plate, attached all the ribbons, bows to it and have the bride wear it at the end of the shower*** Be sure to take pictures!!**

Lastly, purchase a shower guest/gift book to help the mom-to-be don't forget all of her friends and gifts, have thank you cards on hand for her, take lots of photos, and also have a great time!