

Baby Shower Checklist for Host(s)-To-Be

TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE SHOWER

Decide who will host the shower

A close friend, family member or co-worker. Extra hands to help with planning can come in handy, so consider hosting as a group!

Set the budget

Set a budget early on so you don't accidentally go overboard, especially if you're hiring services like catering.

SIX WEEKS BEFORE THE SHOWER

Set the date

Consider the parents' and out-of-town guests' schedules

Set the theme

Traditional or trendy? Also consider decor, games and favors that will fit the theme.

Set the location

The theme can help determine what kind of space you need: indoor or outdoor, rented venue or someone's home?

Order invitations

Custom printed design, store-bought or emailed?

ONE MONTH BEFORE THE SHOWER

Send invitations

Plan food and drinks

Make sure to include pregnancy-friendly foods if the guest of honor is pregnant.

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ONE-TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE SHOWER

- Finalize headcount/confirm RSVPs**
- Confirm reservations for location and/or food**
- Get decor, favors and everything you need for the games**
DIY items make great low-cost options.

DAY OF THE SHOWER

- Prep snacks or any food that isn't ordered**
Make a grocery run one to two days before the shower, and put drinks in the fridge or on ice at least four hours before guests arrive.
- Set up/decorate party space**
Have some decorations like balloons outside to make the location really noticeable for guests.
- Assign someone to keep track of/write down gifts**
- Assign one or two people to take photos**