

# Baby Shower Checklist for Parent(s)-To-Be

## THREE-FOUR MONTHS BEFORE BABY'S ARRIVAL

**Decide if/when you want a baby shower**

It's totally up to you whether your shower is before or after your baby arrives, the proximity to baby's arrival date, or if you have a shower at all.

**Create your baby registry**

You may have started your registry already, in which case, good for you for getting on that early! Your registry doesn't necessarily have to be finished at this point, but you should feel pretty good about what's on there by the time your shower invites go out, because that's when friends and family will start thinking about what gift to get you.

**Create a guest list**

It's your party and you can invite who you want to. Adults only? Kids allowed? Mixed gender? The only limitation to keep in mind is the venue's capacity, so ask whoever is hosting the shower what sort of venue they plan on using.

## DAY OF THE SHOWER

**Just relax—you're the guest of honor!**

Unless you really want to give the host a hand with things, all you need to do is sit back and enjoy the celebration—it's a party for you, after all. If the shower isn't at your home, just be sure you've arranged a way to take all your gifts with you.

## ONE-TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SHOWER

**Send thank you cards**

It's good etiquette to send thank you cards in general, and when it comes to baby shower thank yous, the sooner the better—especially if your shower was pre-baby, because you'll have a lot less time and energy for writing cards once your little one arrives.