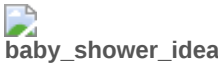




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Elected to Throw the Baby Shower? Here's Help!

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A close friend, co-worker or relative designates you as the party planner for their baby shower and you don't have a clue! Don't panic, though, especially if you have no **baby shower ideas**. ***Planning a baby shower*** can be quite fun and inexpensive, if you use some creative ideas. While there are essential elements that you must include in your baby shower planning, you can practically run wild with themes, gift choices and games. Even if you're an inexperienced shower planner, there are a number of resources you can use to construct the most memorable baby shower ever. You can also go online and find some successful ***baby shower ideas*** to get started.

Easy and Inexpensive Baby Shower Ideas

Remember this is not a birthday party, it's a party for an expecting mother, therefore, you want to make sure you have all the necessary planning components in place. This is a time to brainstorm and really have fun with the planning. It's a time of joy and your **baby shower ideas** should reflect that. You will need to make decisions on the following components of your baby shower party. Every shower must have the following elements to be successful:

Type of baby shower – Even though most people are familiar with the standard "baby shower" there are a number of different types of baby showers that depend on the specific circumstances of the chosen guests and location of the party. For example: office shower, women friends shower, co-ed shower, mommy shower (girls & mamas only), dad shower (boys and papas only), second or third baby shower and relatives invitational. Once you choose the type of shower, then you can begin working on a list of baby shower ideas to fit the type of guests you expect. You can also characterize a shower by the type of gifts you hope to attract for the expectant mommy. For example a baby equipment shower, linens and diapers shower, a baby book shower, a baby room deco shower, a baby toy shower or a lovingly used baby clothes shower which is a great idea in these budget conscious times.

Select a Fun Theme - The Shower Theme is the first step in planning the shower and coming up with some terrific baby shower ideas for decorating, activities and so on. The time of year or the knowledge you have of the Mom's favorite colors, themes or decorating schemes can matter here. Typically shower planners will use cartoon characters, or the standard stork themes. But you can be really creative with the baby shower themes, if you know what the expecting mother is going to have whether Boy, Girl, or twins. Mom may have a propensity for angels, dragonflies, rainbows, unicorns, etc. A little girlfriendly or sisterly snooping and questioning can help you get to the bottom of this.

Shower Location - Where the shower will be held is yet another important component of party planning. Sometimes the theme can reflect the location or vice versa. However, if this is a workplace office location or a long distance shower then the **baby shower ideas** must be a little more conservative. If you're planning on having the shower at a gorgeous restaurant, a great back yard, or at someone's comfy home then you can incorporate the environment with your choices for decorating, games and food!

Now that you have the essential components in place, you can begin implementing some **creative baby shower ideas**. Focusing on these three components will save time and make the rest of the shower planning easier to budget and organize.





Now for the actual To Do List. This can vary depending upon whether you are handling details alone or going the smart way and finding another friend or relative to share the planning and preparation for the Baby Shower.

First: Email Invitations - Without spending too much money you can construct a great invitation that everyone will enjoy. Draft a simple invitation using a word processing program from your home computer. If you're creative or you know someone with computer experience you can create all sorts of invitation styles. Don't overlook the potential for an animated e-mail invitation. Then make sure the guest list includes everyone's home and email address. That way you can email the invitation rather than mailing them which will save tons of money in postage.

Second: Plan where the food will come from - Consider a potluck rather than spending loads of money on caterers. Making the shower a "potluck" will really create community among the guests. Guests can RSVP with a promise to bring one of a list of items you enumerate on the invitation. Requests can include a dish, beverage or paper plate and cup ware. That way you can have more money to cover the cost of the shower gifts and a special cake or dessert.

Third and finally: Make it innovative and decide upon an activity or a couple of fun Baby Shower Games. The best part of a baby shower for most people are the fun games that the guests play and the gifts the mom and guests can win. Try going online for information on baby shower game ideas. Remember your focus is to save money while having a great time.

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