

preparation:

- Pick a date.**
- Compile a guest list.**
- Choose a theme.**
- Determine location.**
- Buy invitations.**

4-6 weeks before:

- Send invites.**
- Choose décor and centerpieces.**
- Plan the menu.**
- Plan/Prepare an activity.**

one week before:

- Buy a gift.**

The week of:

- Shop for and prepare food.**

The day of:

- Set a gift-opening area.**

It is best to hold a shower anywhere from two weeks to two months before the bride's big day!

As a host, decide on the number of guests that you feel comfortable with. Consult with the bride or her M.O.H about who to include.

Themes are always fun and helpful too! It can help you decide on the kind of food to serve, how to decorate and what guests should wear.

For showers, simplicity is usually the best option. Choose your home or a nearby venue.

Make sure to clearly state if the shower is a surprise. You can also include registry info.

Invites can be sent out as early as eight weeks before, but no later than 4 weeks before.

You don't always have to use flowers, you can get creative with decor you already own and use photos of the soon-to-be's.

Since showers are typically held in the morning or afternoon you will want to have some light options and some fun morning drinks!

Think about the bride you are honoring and what she would find fun and enjoyable!

Save your budget for the wedding gift and opt for a gift in the \$40-\$50 range if you are hosting.

Make sure you plan who will be in charge of what on the day and recruit some help.

Set aside an area with plenty of space and set out gift opening essentials such as a scissors and trash- The bride will also want someone to document all the gifts for thank you notes so make sure there is paper and pen.