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**Quick Tips for Successful Baby Shower**

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In this section we are discussing few quick tips for a successful baby shower. As we have discussed earlier. Baby showers are shifting. From the traditional to the modern fun oriented and realistic baby showers. Depending upon the ease and preference of the mom-to-be as well as the hostess.

There can be a great number of baby shower tips. From planning the baby shower. To inviting the friends to decorating the venue. To serving the baby shower food.

Whatever the case may be. The purpose of throwing the baby shower still remains to celebrate the occasion. While helping the expectant couple by giving them baby shower gifts.

The first concern while planning the baby shower is who should be the hostess? The older traditional rules suggest that close relatives should not host the baby shower. This would look like they are simply expecting presents and gifts. To be more realistic, the modern baby shower. Literally anyone can plan the shower. This would include family members, friends and/or co-workers.

Baby shower tips concerning if the mom-to-be can have more than one shower. Yes, a mom-to-be can have more than one baby shower. However, if there are more than one, the hostess of each would be wise to remember what the previous baby shower theme was. You don't want to have the same baby shower theme at each party. Also, try finding out what baby shower gifts were already given to avoid duplicating the baby shower gifts.

Here are quick baby shower tips for hosting a successful baby shower party:

Send invitations in a timely manner. Around 3-4 weeks in advance to the guests who live near by. For long distance baby shower guests, around 4-6 weeks in advance.

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Include directions in the invitations, you don't want the baby shower guests to get lost.

Greet all baby shower guests at the door as they arrive. It shows how much you care for them.

Provide name tags so that everybody can identify the other guests easily, as they may not all know each other.

Introduce the baby shower guests to one another at the beginning of the baby shower party.

If you have a seating arrangement, sit people together who know each other or have something in common.

Engage the baby shower guests in some games so that they can enjoy their time and interact with each other.

If you have proper space and have a large hall then provide tables for your guests to sit and eat if a meal is planned. Please don't expect them to eat with their plate in their lap.

Instead of placing gifts here and there, it is appreciated to bring the gifts to the mom-to-be as she

opens gifts. Don't ask or even expect her to carry anything, especially bulky items (before and after the pregnancy). Because the time of the baby shower is around 1–2 months before or after, she is likely to feel weak during this time.

Write down which baby shower guest gave which gift. This will help the mom-to-be when it comes time to send thank you cards.

Be sure to have enough baby shower party favors on hand. A little extra is good just in case!

Get the party started on time and keep events moving at a good pace. You would be surprised just how long it can take to eat, open presents, play games, talk and eat cake.

Walk guests to the door as they leave and thank them again for coming to the baby shower. Everybody feels special if they are given due attention.

Baby shower tips for the hostess: You should understand that if you are hosting the party then you should show the utmost responsibility and carefulness. A well-planned baby shower would be appreciated by everyone invited. You are not just attending the baby shower party. You are also running and organizing it too. When serving food, serve mom-to-be first and then your baby shower guests. You as the baby shower hostess should serve yourself last.

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### **Baby Shower Ideas: Choosing The Right Decorations**

**By Jennifer Adair**

Choosing the right baby shower decorations are an important part of the shower planning process. Depending on the time and budget of the baby shower party, there are numerous ideas for baby shower decorations available. The host of the baby shower party can get dozens of ideas for baby shower decorations that will certainly liven up the gathering.

Baby shower decorations can be as simple or as elaborate as the host wishes. Baby shower decorations help make every baby shower party extra special for the mom-to-be. There are a number

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of ways to decorate a baby shower party. The possibilities for baby shower decorations are endless.

### Setting up baby shower decorations

When setting up baby shower decorations, the first thing to consider is the theme of the baby shower party. The theme of the baby shower party will have a bearing on the type of baby shower decorations needed to liven up the party area. The baby shower party may have a traditional theme wherein baby shower decorations would include silver and china.

However more and more baby shower parties are adopting modern themes that make use of popular cartoon characters. The baby shower decorations for this type of baby shower party are centered on the specific character used as theme. Many stores that specialize in baby shower decorations have a wide assortment of designs for baby shower decorations.

### Ideas for baby shower decorations

Baby shower decorations need not be big and expensive. Imagination and creativity play a big part in the selection and arrangement of baby shower decorations. With a little ingenuity, putting together a baby shower party need not break the bank.

When setting up the area of the baby shower party, it is often best to stick to simple baby shower decorations that will not make the place look too gaudy. Seasonal flowers and a number of party toys for baby shower decorations make for a simple yet cozy gathering for a baby shower party among family and friends.

For a more elaborate baby shower party, baby shower decorations will include a lot more than flowers and a few toys. But fortunately most of these items can be re-used for other occasions like a child's birthday party. Or the host may give the baby shower decorations to the couple after the party as souvenirs or toys for the new baby.

### Inexpensive baby shower decorations

Balloons are a great way to perk up the scene of any party. Colorful balloons can be arranged together to create a focal point at the tables of the baby shower party. In addition, to prevent the balloons from flying off, small baby items like baby bottles or soft plush toys can be tied at the end of the string.

Everyday, ordinary baby items also make great baby shower decorations. A baby bath tub can be used

as a punch bowl during the baby shower party. The tub may also be used as a receptacle to hold the different gifts given by guests for the mom-to-be. The tub may be decorated with ribbons and balloons to coincide with the theme of the party.

Umbrellas also make for interesting baby shower decorations. These may be hung upside down from the ceiling with colorful streamers tied to the ends of the umbrellas.

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Baby shower decorations can be created from simple items. Resourcefulness is the key to creating wonderful baby shower decorations that don't cost much.

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