

BABY SHOWER CHECKLIST

5 Weeks Before The Baby Shower

- meet with the mom-to-be for coffee
- decide on a convenient date and time for her
- jot down a list of her favorite foods (to give you ideas for planning the baby shower menu)
- find out if she is registered at any baby stores
- find out the gender of the baby (if known) & any nursery themes or colors (this will give you some baby shower decorating ideas) Also ask if she wants a theme for the shower.

4 Weeks Before The Baby Shower

- if friends or family members are helping, ask what they would like to be in charge of
- choose and address the baby shower invitations
- plan the menu (yummy goodies such as appetizers, punch, snacks, etc.)

3 Weeks Before The Baby Shower

- decide on a cute baby shower cake (either one to make or have ordered)
- send out invitations pick out a few fun baby shower games to play

2 Weeks Before The Baby Shower

- choose decorations to coordinate with the overall baby shower theme
- finalize games and prizes - gather or shop for needed items
- shop for cute baby shower cups, plates, napkins, etc.

1 Week Before The Baby Shower

- order cake
- order catering or shop for menu items
- make reservations (if at a restaurant)
- touch base with helpers
- pick up your baby shower gift to baby along with card and gift bag

Day Of The Baby Shower

- pick-up a bundle of colorful helium balloons
- decorate for the big event
- set-up chairs
- have helpers arrive early to bring food, help decorate, etc.
- pick-up cake (unless you made it yourself)
- make punch
- tie-up any last minute details

Below are some simple and sweet little gestures to make the new mommy feel extra special at her baby shower

- Have a big comfy chair waiting for her to sit in.
- Ask someone if they can jot down who all of the gifts are from.
- Pre-address some thank-you cards for her, to make writing thank yous a snap
- Don't let mom carry any presents to her car - round up the shower gang to do the lifting!
- Have a cute gift basket for the mom-to-be full of slippers, bubble bath, candles & a soothing CD.
- Big brothers and sisters may be feeling a little left out. Treat them to a basket full of books, crayons and bubbles!