



Five Simple Shower & Gift Themes

The bridal shower is the perfect occasion to shower the couple with love, best wishes and fabulous gifts. Whether practical or whimsical, pick a theme that will help everyone get into the spirit of the big day! Below are some modern, inventive and stress-free party options to inspire you.

- **Pajama Party:** Everyone arrives in their cutest pajamas bearing gifts to pamper the bride. Enjoy manicures, pedicures, facials and massages with your guests as you sip pink martinis. Fun party favors include personalized spa slippers, toiletry bags or monogrammed cosmetic cases.
- **Favorite Memories:** Ask each guest to bring a gift or memento representing a favorite moment shared with the bride. Or, for a trendy twist, ask each guest to create a scrapbook page in advance of the shower. Assemble each page in a scrapbook for the bride and present it the day of the shower. Since guests will be in the mood for memory-making, provide disposable cameras and give glass photo coasters or personalized photo albums as favors.
- **Stock the House:**
 - **Pantry:** Have each guest write their favorite recipe on a monogrammed recipe card. Guests should also provide the bride with all of the non-perishable ingredients for their recipe. The shower food should include everyone's recipe dishes. For favors, give each chef a set of heart shaped cookie cutters or monogrammed aprons.
 - **Bar:** Ask guests to bring their favorite alcoholic beverages, wines or mixers to help the bride and groom stock their bar. At the party, give each guest their own cocktail shaker and invite everyone to shake up their signature drink or serve up their favorite wine for all to taste! For a no-fuss and no-mess event, hold your shower at the couple's favorite bar. For favors, a personalized shot glass or martini glass is a must!
- **Rooms & Gardens:** Focus on one room or assign different rooms of the house (or garden) to help the couple furnish their abode.

- **Months & Seasons:** Each guest is assigned a month of the year and brings a gift that corresponds to that time period. For example, a guest assigned to July might bring a pair of custom monogram flip flops while a guest assigned to January could give a personalized fleece blanket.

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