

Bridal Shower Host Checklist



A polished planning printable for the friends or bridal party hosting the shower.

Friend-hosted

2026 trends

Dress theme

First decisions

Start here before buying decor. The bride gives preferences; the host group owns the plan.

- Host group and budget owner
- Bride-approved date and mood
- Venue and backup plan
- Food, drinks, dessert, and timing
- Host dress theme
- One activity-led moment
- Registry link and gift tracker
- Setup, photo, cleanup, and leftovers owner

Host dress theme

Coordinated friends look intentional in photos while the bride still stands out.

- Bride in white; hosts in one color palette
- Same color family, different silhouettes
- One shared detail: bow, pearl clip, scarf, or corsage
- Keep the look affordable and reusable

Modern shower direction

Choose one interactive moment, one strong food or drink moment, and one keepsake detail. That is enough.

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Timeline checklist

Work through the shower in order: first the early planning decisions, then invitations, then final confirmations.

8 TO 10 WEEKS BEFORE

- Confirm the friends or bridal party hosting the shower
- Set the budget and who is contributing
- Ask the bride for preferred dates, mood, food dislikes, and gift comfort level
- Choose venue: home, garden, restaurant, tea room, winery, studio, or private room
- Pick a simple theme, color direction, and host outfit idea

6 WEEKS BEFORE

- Send invitations with RSVP, registry, parking, dress code, and activity details
- Plan food and drinks based on the time of day
- Choose one beautiful food moment and one activity-led moment
- Order main decor, signage, favors, and prizes
- Assign setup, photos, gift notes, games, cleanup, and leftovers

3 TO 4 WEEKS BEFORE

- Confirm RSVPs, dietary needs, and seating needs
- Finalize menu, cake or dessert, and drink plan
- Buy or print games, advice cards, recipe cards, and gift tracker
- Create playlist, photo list, and a simple run of show
- Confirm the host dress theme in the planning group chat

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Final week and day-of checklist

These are the final tasks for the host group. Keep this page with the setup bins or share it in the planning chat.

FINAL WEEK

- Confirm venue timing, parking, rentals, catering, and delivery windows
- Prepare setup bins: decor, tape, scissors, pens, tags, candles, and cords
- Print timeline, game cards, signs, and gift tracker
- Pick up flowers, dessert, drinks, favors, and prizes
- Pack cleanup bags, extra napkins, water, and a small emergency kit

DAY OF SHOWER

- Arrive early and photograph the room before everyone arrives
- Set welcome table, gift area, food station, drink station, and activity table
- Keep the event moving gently: arrivals, food, activity, dessert, photos, sendoff
- Record gifts as they are opened or received
- Send gifts, flowers, cards, leftovers, and keepsakes home safely

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Trend moments and tracker

Add one memorable activity, then use the tracker below so thank-you notes are easy after the shower.

Trend moments

- Flower bar, bracelet station, or cake decorating
- Mocktail or tea station with pretty glassware
- Memory table with friendship photos
- Short gift moment or private opening later

Quick run of show

1. Arrival and drinks
2. Food or tea service
3. Activity-led moment
4. Dessert, photos, gifts, sendoff

Gift tracker

From	Gift	Thank-you sent
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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