

A Little Creativity with Your Bridal Shower Invitations

Weddings can be ridiculously expensive. It is as if couples lose sight of the real reason for the whole wedding, which is to celebrate their union. The once sweet and innocent bridal shower has even been infected with the materialism bug. Guests who receive bridal shower invitations often cringe at the thought of having to buy yet another gift for the same couple. Guests should be delighted to attend, instead of feeling a sense of panic.

As more and more couples these days are in their 30s when they get married, the bridal shower should not be about presents. It should be about celebration. There are many ways to throw a bridal shower that get away from the traditional "buy a mixer and toast the pure bride" mold. Let friends and family who will get those bridal shower invitations off the hook for expensive presents and let them attend a creative and fun event instead. I will give you some freebies, in case you need a jump start on the brainstorming.

Something involving food or wine will always make people happy. Send out bridal shower invitations to a wine tasting party. Your guests can taste and then choose the wine that will be downed at the wedding reception. Do the whole nine yards, by covering up labels and giving everyone comment cards. Another option is to have a "stock the wine cellar" party, in which everyone brings a bottle to stock your home collection. All your guests can write something on the bottles. You will smile whenever you get a new bottle out of the collection in later years, as you toast to the person who gave it to you.

Now onto a few food bridal shower themes. One idea is to have all the guests bring the recipe of their signature dish. Have a nice blank book at the party for everyone to mount their recipe in and have them add any comments on a page dedicated to that recipe. You then have a cookbook of tried and true recipes and will remember your friends every time you make something from it. Another idea makes your guests work a little harder, but is all in good fun. Have your guests make an appetizer. Let the attendees choose the best one by casting votes on slips of paper. Feature the winning creation at the wedding reception and name it after your friend.

Send out the bridal shower invitations and let your guests eat, drink and be merry. Put your thinking cap on and come up with something different. Revel in the fact that you are hosting a fantastically fun party for the very people that will be toasting you and your partner.

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