



## **Baby Shower**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

There are always special moments to be celebrated, like a new life. Throwing your friend an inexpensive Surprise Baby Shower is a great way to express how much you appreciate them. Creating this baby shower is very easy and requires only a few elements. I created this so the décor can also double as the shower gift.



### **Price Point**

\$225

### **Preparation and Execution Time**

One day planning

Afternoon preparation

Two hour execution

**Degree of Difficulty (based on a scale of one to five, one being the easiest and five being the most difficult)**

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### **Child Friendly**

Yes

### **What You Will Need:**

- Paper cutter
- Glue Stick
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Computer
- Card Stock
- Envelopes
- Finger Paint
- Baby Diapers
- Baby Pajamas
- Scissors
- Tissue Paper
- Wire
- Wire Cutters
- Decorative Box
- Baby Clothes
- Clothes Pins
- Rope
- Ribbon
- Baby Blankets
- Table Cloth
- Glass Vases
- Flowers
- Confetti Wands (Fluster Fetti Fun Factory, Party Line International 1.877.321.1999)

### **INVITATIONS**

What would a party be without guests? This is a great way to create a personalized and unique invitation and RSVP card. In making these yourself, you are adding a special touch that cannot be found in a greeting card store, that is special for your guests and very memorable for the parents to be.

Make sure to create an RSVP card that can be sent with the invitation. These cards should include a space to leave a message of love and wishes for the new baby. The cards should be mailed back to the planner (if it is a surprise shower) or the parents to be. The cards will be saved and placed in the child's baby book.

This project requires a computer with a printer, card stock, a paper cutter, finger paint, and a dash of creativity.

#### **Step 1:**

Design an invite on the computer. Be sure to include: Time, Date, Place.

#### **Step 2:**

Print out the invites on stock paper obtained from your local stationary store.



**Step 3:**

Use a ruler and pencil to mark where you will need to cut the invitations. Using a paper cutter, cut the invitations.

**Step 4:**

Put the finger paints that you purchased at a local arts and crafts store in a disposable container. Use the disposable container to mix/blend colors if necessary.



**Step 5:**

Make a fist with your hand and dip the pinky side of your fist into the finger paints.



**Step 6:**

Stamp your hand onto the invite to create what looks like a baby's foot. Repeat on the RSVP cards. Allow the invitations to dry.

**Step 7:**

You are now ready to mail the invitations to your guests.



### **Example Invitation Verbiage**

- Sugar and spice, and everything nice! A baby shower honoring...
- We are tickled pink and happy to say, a baby girl is on the way! Please join us for a shower honoring...
- Hey ladies! Let's shower BECKY and her future little ladybug!
- Joanna has a pea in the pod! Let's celebrate with a baby shower.
- Tiny soul, so sweet and new, the world is waiting just for you. Honoring...

### **DIAPER CAKE CENTERPIECE**

This is an adorable and useful centerpiece for the baby shower you are hosting. Not only is it the décor for the party, but it doubles as a gift for the parents to be.

Doubling the décor as the shower gift saves money and transforms any room into a creative space to host a shower.

For this project you will need 80-100 diapers (buying 2 or 3 different sizes will help the mother-to-be as the baby grows), baby pajamas, bibs, straight pins, and ribbon. You can also add baby rattles and stuffed animals to personalize the cake.

In preparation for building this cake, take your diapers, roll them, and pin them as shown below.



#### **Step 1:**

Choose a tray that the cake will be built on.

#### **Step 2:**

Cover the tray with a baby sheet or a feeding cloth.



**Step 3:**

Using the diapers, create the bottom layer of the “cake” by holding a few diapers together at a time and securing them with wire (you will not be able to see the wire when the cake is finished).

**Step 4:**

Repeat this step making the bottom layer bigger until you have your desired size.



**Step 5:**

Tie the outside of the diapers with a ribbon.



**Step 6:**

We covered the layer with folded washcloths. This acts as “frosting” for the cake layer.



**Step 7:**

Create another layer to the “cake” by repeating steps 3 - 5. Use fewer diapers to create the tier effect. The “frosting” for the second layer was baby pajamas.



**Step 8:**

Repeating steps 3 – 5 use only a few diapers to create the top layer. Baby booties were the topping for this layer.

**CLOTHES LINE**

A great and much needed gift for the baby is clothes. A great way to present this gift is by making a “box of clothes” which contains clothing that starts from infancy to one year and follows the seasons the baby will wear them.

To create this present, you will need a box big enough to hold a few outfits, ribbon, clothes, rope, a glue gun, scissors, a ruler and pencil, tissue paper, and clothes pins.

**Step 1:**

Take the lid of the box and flip it over so you are working on the bottom side of the lid.



**Step 2:**

Use a ruler and pencil to locate the center of the lid. Work on a protective surface. Using scissors or a knife poke a hole in the lid.



**Step 3:**

Take the rope and push it through the hole so the end of the rope is on the top side of the lid. Tie a knot.



**Step 4:**

Use a glue gun to reinforce the rope to the inside lid of the box.



**Step 5:**

Take clothes pins and attach the first outfit to the rope closest to the lid (smallest outfit first).



**Step 6:**

Repeat until all outfits are attached to the rope.

**Step 7:**

Before placing the clothes line in the box, line the bottom of the box with tissue paper.



**Step 8:**

Fold and stack the clothes neatly in the box. The largest outfit should be on the bottom and the smallest should be on top.

**Step 9:**

Decorate the box creatively with ribbon and bows.

**DÉCOR**

Before planning the baby shower, chose a theme to base the décor on. Balloons, flowers, diapers, baby clothing and other baby items can all contribute to a unique and special shower. There are no limits or specific rules when designing the décor for your party. Be creative and have fun!



## **REFRESHMENTS**

Food and drinks at the party should be simple. When creating the menu, remember the food should coincide with the time of day the party is held and the mother to be's preference. For example, if the mother likes Mexican, creating a menu incorporating that type of food will make the party even more personal. Don't forget to purchase non-alcoholic beverages for the mothers to be.

### **Example Menus:**

#### **Brunch**

- Bagels and cream cheese
- Muffins
- Breads
- Mini Quiches
- Mimosas/  
Bellini's/ Bloody  
Mary's
- Juices
- Coffees/Tea

#### **Lunch**

- Mini Sandwiches
- Hamburgers
- Chips and Dip
- Crackers and  
Cheese
- White Wine
- Sangria
- Sodas
- Lemonade

#### **Cocktails**

- Key Lime Pie  
Martini
- Pisco Punch
- Seasonal Fruit  
Flavored  
Margaritas
- Watermelon  
Mojitos