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Planning a Bridal Shower

A shower is an excellent way to provide a soon-to-be-married friend with practical gifts for her new home. The maid of honor or another good friend usually hosts, or several people, often bridesmaids, share the responsibility.

5 Weeks Before:

- Set the date.
- Choose the theme.
- Draw up the guest list.
- Reserve off-site space.

4 Weeks Before:

- Decide on activities and menu.
- Write out invitations.

3 Weeks Before:

- Mail invitations.
- Purchase party goods.
- Start homemade decorations and favors.

1 to 2 Weeks Before:

- Call guests who have not yet responded.
- Draw up a schedule of activities.

- Purchase favors.

3 Days Before:

- Buy food as well as batteries for your camera.

1 to 2 Days Before:

- Decorate your home, or be sure off-site supplies are gathered.
- Prepare make-ahead foods.