

# Your Bridal Shower Guide



Includes tips, a pre-shower checklist, a guest list organizer, 45 game/activity ideas, and ideas for themes, food, and gifts for the bride-to-be!

## Foreword:

We hope you'll find **Your Bridal Shower Guide** to be a useful resource in planning your bridal shower, and coming up with some fun ideas.

For more information on our company or products, please visit us at [www.lilangelgifts.com](http://www.lilangelgifts.com).



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## About Us:



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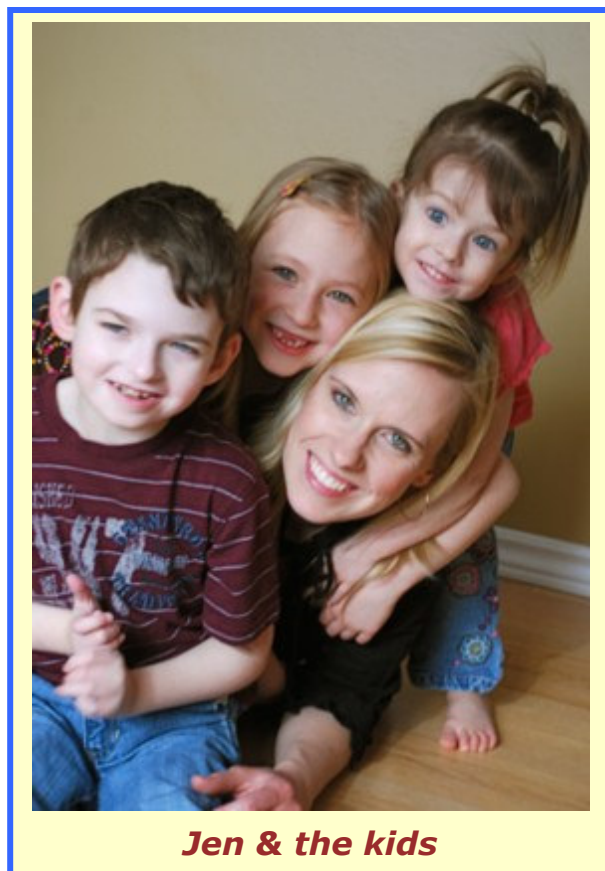
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I developed our first product, **Instruction Manual for Babies**, in 2000 during the wee hours of the morning when I was a very tired young mom. It was originally designed for personal use, but it soon became a hit with family & friends. When we later discovered that our son had Angelman Syndrome, I developed another book out of necessity called **Organizing Your Child's Special Needs**.

With only 2 official products, **Lil' Angel Books** officially became a business in 2002. In 2005, expanding into other gift items, we changed our name to **Lil' Angel Gifts**. We are now pleased to offer dozens of specialty gifts- including journals, notecards, and have many new projects in the works.

My company's name, was of course inspired by my special little boy who has **Angelman Syndrome**, my sweet Lil' Angel Cameron. We are pleased to be able to **give back** to the community and to special needs causes. We do this by working with organizations through fundraising and supporting various events.



***Jen & the kids***

My best-selling products are our collection of **WEDDING party relationship journals**. I'm proud to say I invented these beautiful journals, and I feel tremendously grateful that I can contribute something so special to so many brides & grooms on their special day, all over the world.

I invite you to visit our website at [www.lilangelgifts.com](http://www.lilangelgifts.com) and sign up for our newsletter for updates on new gifts for your family, friends, baby gifts & more.

I was awarded **eBay Canada's Mompreneur of the year award (2008)**, for the commitment I've shown to my business, my customers, and working around the needs of my 3 children.



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# Hostess Checklist

## Six - eight weeks before the bridal shower:

- ☐ Set the shower time and date with Bride-to-Be.
- ☐ Prepare guest list with Bride's help (and Grooms!). Be careful not to forget anyone! Get names, relationship to the Bride or Groom, phone numbers, and addresses.
- ☐ If it is a surprise shower, contact the couple's parents and friends to help with guest list. Don't forget about friends she may work with.
- ☐ Decide on a budget.
- ☐ If booking a hall, conference room, or restaurant- book the reservation as soon as possible.
- ☐ Reserve a caterer if you are using one.
- ☐ Start thinking about if you would like a theme, so you can prepare for decorations, invitations, food, gifts, games, etc.

## Four weeks before the bridal shower:

- ☐ Plan menu & determine who will bring what food, supplies, etc.
- ☐ Decide on what games you will play & gather materials.
- ☐ Decide on game prizes you will have and purchase them.
- ☐ Purchase your gift for the Bride-to-Be. (Keep your receipt!)
- ☐ Ask Bride-to-Be for a list of things she may need, or places they are registered. Let guests know you have suggestions if needed.
- ☐ Mail out the invitations.
- ☐ Make or buy place cards/place tags, if using.
- ☐ Find anything you will need to borrow or rent.

## Three weeks before the bridal shower:

- ☐ Gather together decorations. Borrow anything you can! Buy or make the others.
- ☐ Ask friends to bring things related to your theme.
- ☐ Purchase and wrap your gift to the Bride-to-Be.
- ☐ Prepare shopping list for all ingredients/supplies you'll need.
- ☐ Purchase & wrap shower favors & prizes.
- ☐ If necessary, find someone to drive the Bride-to-Be to the shower.

## Two weeks before the bridal shower:

- ☐ Make sure that you have serving dishes & utensils.

- ☐ Be sure you have enough tables & chairs, table cloths and napkins.
- ☐ Confirm reservations if the shower is being held at another location.
- ☐ Order centerpieces and corsage for the Bride-to-Be (also Mother of the Bride).
- ☐ If it is being catered, confirm arrangements with the caterer.
- ☐ Confirm arrangements with friends/family if they are bringing food or supplies.
- ☐ Arrange to have someone videotape the shower.
- ☐ Arrange to have someone take photos at the shower.

### *A few days before the shower:*

- ☐ Call anyone who has not responded to the invitation.
- ☐ Empty coat closets so you will have space to hang coats.
- ☐ Prepare anything that can be frozen ahead.
- ☐ Check all recipes and buy the ingredients.
- ☐ Clean your home or hire someone to do it.
- ☐ Arrange transportation for guests who may need it.
- ☐ Ask a neighbor to borrow refrigerator space if you need it.
- ☐ Check decorations & supplies & make sure you have everything you need.

### *The day before the bridal shower:*

- ☐ Decorate, set table, etc.
- ☐ Purchase, pick up, or make the rest of the food.
- ☐ Check your home for last minute cleaning.
- ☐ Confirm designated person is bringing the video camera/ camera.
- ☐ Set up chairs for guests.
- ☐ Check to be sure you have enough ice & supplies.
- ☐ Set up a spot for Bride to open gifts and to display them.
- ☐ Have plastic trash bag ready for paper.
- ☐ Pick up helium balloons (or the day of the shower if they aren't mylar balloons).
- ☐ Check in on Bride-to-Be.

### *The day of the bridal shower:*

- ☐ Call Bride-to-Be and make sure the shower is a 'go'.
- ☐ If the shower is being held someplace other than your home, plan to arrive well ahead of your guests.
- ☐ Try to have someone there to help with decorating, preparing food & errands.
- ☐ Make sure Bride is being picked up.
- ☐ Set out dishes, supplies & refreshments. If refreshments are perishable, wait until serving time.
- ☐ As each guest arrives, introduce her to other guests.
- ☐ Make sure Bride-to-Be is comfortable.

## Other Tips

- ✓ Plan games and activities that suit your guests. Traditional ones are good, but if guests are willing, there are many new games that will make the shower much more fun!
- ✓ Don't forget to arrange a helper to help you with your planning and arrangements the day of the shower.
- ✓ Check your supplies ahead of time.
- ✓ Select unique party favors & prizes.
- ✓ Employ students for serving and cleanup.
- ✓ Keep the menu simple- or have it catered.
- ✓ Always overestimate the amount of food you will need. Make sure you are able to keep all the food hot or cold if needed. Send leftovers home with the Bride.
- ✓ Buy disposable cameras. Have guests take pictures throughout the shower so the Bride-to-Be has plenty of photos to remember it.
- ✓ Clean and cook ahead of time if possible.
- ✓ Plan seating that will encourage conversation.
- ✓ Purchase thank you cards and bring them to the shower. Give each guest just an envelope (at the party) and have them write their name and address on it. This will save the new bride time sending out her thank-you cards. If you have the addresses from sending out invitations, you could also do this yourself.



- ✓ When serving buffet style, be sure you have enough tables to lay food out, and to sit and eat.
- ✓ Create a mood with decorations or a whole theme.
- ✓ Be sure to introduce all your guests, as well as their relationship to Bride/Groom.
- ✓ Pay attention to your guests & when they are ready to move on with activities.
- ✓ Keep all your ideas in one organized place! (use the 'Notes' section in the back of this guide book).
- ✓ You may need more than one prize per game if it is a game where there could possibly be a tie. Or, you can have guests that tie, choose a number closest to your number, and the closest is the winner.
- ✓ Using the 'Bride-to-Be Gift Wish List' in this book, keep a list of items the bride-to-be needs, or the names of stores she is registered at. Let guests know when they are invited that you have a list of gift suggestions if needed.
- ✓ Listen to what the Bride-to-Be wants. If she wants a co-ed shower, try to include the men. If there is something else she wants or has talked of, try to accommodate her. It's her day!



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# Theme Ideas

You may wish to go with a theme for the bridal shower. This works particularly well if the bride-to-be has any interests that can be worked into a theme, or if you'd like to tailor the gift giving to a particular theme. Keep the bride in mind when choosing a theme, and don't forget to include the guests in both the choosing of it, or in the gift they bring, or even how they dress.

The sky is the limit!

## Memories Shower

Refer to the section at the end of our 'games' section in this guide for some ideas.

## Gift Basket Theme

Have each guest bring a gift basket or a goodie basket. You can assign rooms to the guests- have a guest bring items for the bathroom, bedroom, kitchen, guest room, living room, laundry room, etc. Instead of an entire gift basket, you could ask each guest to bring one item for an assigned room in the house.

## Tea Party

Have a tea party with shower guests. Serve with traditional tea party treats- finger sandwiches, etc. You can also have each guest bring one tea cup that they feel best shows them. The guest uses that teacup, and leaves it for the bride, leaving her a unique tea cup collection.

## Lingerie Showers

This is a great idea for showers with close friends in attendance. Have guests bring items suitable for the bride. Items can include: slippers, robe, pajamas, teddies, slips, lingerie bag, gift certificates, etc.



## Kitchen Shower

Ask guests to bring items that the bride can use to stock her kitchen.

## Pamper the Bride

Guests bring items that are intended to 'pamper' the bride. Spa packages, luxurious lotions, gift certificate for a massage, bath products, etc. You can even get the groom in on the theme and get him to send a 'private massage' gift certificate from him ☺ If you have the budget for it, you can even hold your shower AT a spa or salon.

## Makeover Bridal Shower

This theme ties in well with the "Pamper the Bride" shower. Have a beauty expert present to give the guests and bride fun makeovers.

## Garden Party

If you are fortunate enough to have nice weather- hold your bridal shower in a garden. Or decorate indoors with flowers and make it look like a garden. Ask guests to bring gifts she can use for her garden. Ornaments, stepping stones, garden tools, plants, garden tool apron, flower pots, etc.

## Stock the Bar Shower

Have guests bring liquor, glasses, and accessories to help stock the couple's bar.

## Stock the Pantry

Have guests bring one favorite recipe and the (non-perishable) ingredients needed to make that recipe.

Contact guests early- **have guests suggest a theme**, and the one you choose wins a prize!



# Refreshment Ideas

The easiest way to provide refreshments for a shower is to keep it simple and offer a variety of **finger-foods**. These can include:

- veggies & dip
- fruit and dip
- chips & dip (tortilla chips or pita chips & salsa, guacamole, etc)
- cheese & crackers
- bread & spinach dip
- finger sandwiches
- sweets
- other appetizers.

If you have a larger budget to spend on food for the bridal shower, you can of course hire someone to do the catering. If not, prepare the food yourself or if someone offers to help, have them bring some of the refreshments.

For a beverage, offer punch or a variety of simple beverages:

- water
- juice
- punch
- iced tea
- lemonade
- tea
- coffee
- soda/pop

Some shower hosts will include wine & other alcoholic beverages, depending on who is attending. Be sure to have non-alcoholic choices for guests. If serving alcohol, be responsible and make sure that those having drinks are not driving themselves home.

If you want to spruce up your finger foods, you can always carry your theme into it. Use wedding-related cutter shapes to make cookies, etc.

Many shower hosts also offer cake as a dessert. Cake can be a simple slab cake with a congratulatory message on it, or could be made into/decorated as a wedding ring, etc.



Be careful of food allergies and dietary restrictions. Label anything that could contain nuts, eggs, milk, etc (you could ask guests if they have food allergies when they RSVP). Also, some people can't have sugar due to dietary reasons or choose not to, so try to have some healthy choices as well as sweets.

A simple online search can help you find hard-to-find items to help with your refreshments. With a wedding ring or heart theme, a search could offer you ring or heart shaped cookie cutters, a special shaped cake pan, napkins, plates & cups, etc.

If wanting to have some hot food items, you could serve some fun things like mini pizzas, bbq chicken skewers, chicken wings, meat balls, Chinese – or whatever you wish. You can also have a pot-luck so everyone brings a little something to the shower.

# Shower Games & Activities

The following are ideas for games or activities you can play at your shower. Feel free to use these ideas and adapt as necessary. Have fun!

## **1. Clothespins- Don't Say "Wedding"**

Select a word that guests have to avoid saying. This could be 'wedding' or another word of choice (Bride or Groom's name, etc.). Every guest gets a clothespin to wear when they arrive, and they have to try not to use the chosen word. If someone catches them using it, they take their pin/s. The person with the most pins at the end of the party wins a prize.

## **2. Guess the Label- Ice Breaker Game**

When each guest arrives, place a label (provided) on their back- without them seeing it. Then, as they mix with other guests, have them try to figure out what word is on their back. Guests can only ask questions to other guests that require a 'yes' or 'no' answer. If starting everyone with their labels at one time, you may offer a prize to the person who guesses first.

## **3. Bridal Bingo** – see below for 3 variations of this game (markers or a pen required)

### **1. Wedding Bingo**

Using a bingo card template, fill in wedding-related words in the squares. (Be sure to vary where the words fall on each card & make a master list of words you used). Give each guest a card and markers/pennies to cover their squares, or pens/pencils to mark them off if only playing one game on the card. Decide on the 'pattern' being played for (a line, an X, four corners, etc.) and call out words, having players cover their words. Whichever guest completes the pattern first wins a prize.

### **2. Wedding Bingo- Gifts**

Give a blank bingo card to each guest (with the middle spot already marked 'bingo'). Before the Bride opens the gifts, have each guest fill in what they predict she will receive for gifts- one in each square. As she opens her gifts, guests X the box they guessed correctly. The first guest to complete a line wins a prize.

### **3. Guest Bingo- Icebreaker Game**

Fill in a bingo card template with possible facts about your guests. Examples could be: Has never been on a plane, Is an only child, Doesn't like pizza, Has broken a bone, etc. Make a copy of the card for each guest. Give the guests the

cards and have them mingle with other guests, asking each other questions, trying to find a person that suits that fact. Have the guest fill in the name of the other guest in that square. Whoever first fills in 2 lines (or other predetermined pattern) wins a prize. You could use generalized facts, or you could ask each guest in advance to contribute an unusual fact about themselves.

#### **4. A-Z Wedding Item Game**

Write letters A-Z down a page, leaving a blank beside each letter. Make a copy for each guest, or a copy for each team if dividing into teams. Give each a copy, and in a predetermined amount of time, have them as quickly possible fill in a wedding-related item for each letter of the alphabet. The guest/team with the most names wins. A variation- give a little more time, and have them try to choose an item that NO OTHER person would choose. When reading through the items people chose, if any 2 or more people chose the same item, they do NOT earn a point for it. This variation is best used when playing in teams.

#### **5. How Well Do You Know the Bride?**

In advance, ask the Bride-to-be some questions about her. Examples can be- where was her first job? What is her shoe size? What is her favorite color, favorite food, etc. Have a copy of the questions for each guest, and hand out at the shower. Whoever gets the most answers correct wins.

#### **6. How Well Does the Bride Know the Groom?**

In advance, ask the groom approximately 20 questions about himself. At the shower, ask the guests to guess how well the bride knows the groom and how many answers they think she will get right. Ask them to write down their guess. Then ask the bride the questions that were asked to the groom.

#### **7. Make the Bouquet**

Give each guest a paper plate and have some construction materials available- tissue paper, felt, toilet paper, construction paper, glue, tape, etc. Have guests create a 'bouquet' in 1-2 minutes. Have the Bride judge for the best bouquet. She then throws the best one, and the one that catches it wins a prize (the best one can win a prize too).

#### **8. Pass the Bouquet**

Played like hot potato- have guests sit in a circle, passing along a bouquet. When the music stops, the player is out. The last guest remaining wins a prize.

## **9. Make a Veil**

Purchase materials for each guest to create a veil: tulle, ribbon, flowers, thread, etc. Have each guest make a veil for the bride in a pre-determined amount of time. Have the bride model each veil & the group of guests judge on the nicest one.

## **10. Wedding Jeopardy**

Models the popular tv game. Choose 5 wedding (or love)-related categories. Examples could be: Songs With 'Love' in the Title, Popular Wedding Gifts, Celebrity Weddings, Guess the Bride, etc. Make up 5 questions and answers for each category and assign points to the questions/answers. Divide guests up into 2 teams and play as you would Jeopardy, stating the answers, and they guess the questions. Don't forget to make up the final question/answer for them to wager their points with!

## **11. Love Song**

Divide your guests into teams. Have the teams write down as many songs that they can think of that have the word 'love' in the title (in a predetermined amount of time). The team who can think of the most song titles wins. Losers can be asked to sing one of the songs to the Bride-to-Be. (Winning team chooses).

## **12. Wedding Pictionary**

Use Bristol board, a chalkboard or dry erase board. You will also need something to write with and a timer. Write down wedding (or love) related movies or song titles on slips of paper. Divide guests into equal groups. Have one member of a team randomly select a phrase and draw for their team. If their team guesses it in the time allotted the team wins a point.

## **13. The Winning Plate**

On the guests' food plates, draw a picture of something wedding-related or specially mark the plate. When everyone is eating, ask them to check their plate to see who has the winning mark. Variations include marking cups and napkins.

## **14. What's in the Bag?**

Place 8-12 items separately in paper bags. Staple each bag shut and number it. During the party, pass the bags around and get guests to write down what they think is in the bags. The person with the most answers correct wins a prize.

## **15. Bloomers**

A fun game if no one has played before ☺ This game is similar to the game 'hot potato'. Tell players that there is a pair of 'bloomers' inside of the wrapped box &

whoever ends up with the box at the end has to wear the bloomers. The box is then passed around quickly while music is playing. When the music stops, the person holding the box takes off a layer of wrapping paper. The music starts again and this continues until the last layer of paper is removed. The person who has the box has to open it and wear the bloomers for the rest of the party. The surprise is that the bloomers are a pair of flowers stuck together on a safety pin, like a corsage.

### **16. Name the Celebrity Bride**

Cut faces of celebrities out of a magazine. Cut out brides out of a bridal magazine, and replace their faces with the celebrity faces. Pass around the altered pictures and have the guests write down who they think the 'brides' are. (You can even put a few male celebrities to be funny!) The guest with the most correct answers wins.

### **17. Scavenger Hunt Collage**

Separate guests into a few teams. Give each team several magazines, scissors, and a large piece of paper. Give each team a list of words of things they have to find in the magazines. The first team that finds them all and glues them to the paper wins.

### **18. Balloon Surprise**

Blow up one balloon per guest. Before tying off the balloon, put pieces of paper in them. One paper should say 'winner' on it. The other papers should have silly tasks for the guests to do- make up a poem for the Bride, sing a song, etc. Each guest picks a balloon and everyone except the 'winner' has to perform their task. You can request they break their balloon by sitting on it, or another way.

### **19. Wedding Concentration Card Game**

Make a set of wedding-related cards (pictures or words) in pairs of two. Place them face down in rows. Party guests take turns trying to make a match with the cards (turning 2 over at a time). If they get a match, they get to go again. When they don't match, it moves on to the next guest. The guest with the most matches wins a prize.

### **20. Picture of Bride**

Give each guest a paper plate & a crayon. Have them place the plate on their head and try to draw the bride in her wedding dress. Have the Bride or everyone vote on who drew the best bride.

### **21. The Price is Right- General or Wedding**

Buy several general or wedding-related items and make note of what each costs. Make a list for each guest of all the products (without the prices). Guests write down what they think each item costs, then total all the prices. The one closest to the true total wins.

## **22. Love Song Guess**

Write down lines from love songs. The guests have to guess the name of the song each line came from. The guest with the most correct wins.

## **23. Bridal Shower Word Twist**

Choose a phrase somehow related to the Bride, such as :

*John finally proposed to Sarah! or*

*John and Sarah – happily ever after!*

The phrase should be on a piece of paper and provided to each guest. Choose a time-frame (5 minutes) and guests are asked to use the letters in the phrase to make as many wedding-related words that they can. The person that comes up with the most words is the winner.

## **24. Guess the Number of...**

Fill a bottle or jar with small items (candies, etc.). Count the items before the party. Have guests guess how many items are in the jar. Closest to the true answer wins.

## **25. Wedding Memory Game- Picture**

On one page, place 10 or more pictures of wedding-related items. Have guests study the page for 30 seconds. Then turn over or cover the page. Guests have 2 minutes to write down what they remember was on the page. The guest with the most correct answers wins.

## **26. Wedding Memory Game- Items**

Similar to the last game. Have 10 or more wedding-related items on a tray (ring, garter belt, ring pillow, veil, marriage certificate, dove picture, rice...). Have guests study the items for 30 seconds. Then, cover the tray or remove it from the room. Guests have 2 minutes to write down what they remember was on the tray. The guest with the most correct answers wins.

## **27. Silly Marriage Advice**

Each guest is given two cards- one that says 'problem' and one that says 'solution'. Guests are asked to write down a problem that the bride and groom may experience, and on the other card, the solution that may fix the problem. The host gathers together the cards, mixes them up and hands out a non-matching 'problem' and 'solution' card to each guest. Guests then read out the problems & solutions. No winners, but the mismatched advice can be quite funny.

### **28. Bride Is Wearing...**

Discretely ask the bride to leave the room. Hand out question sheets to each guest which ask questions about what the bride-to-be is wearing. Such as: How many pockets did she have on her clothing? What color was her purse? Was her skirt below, above or at the knee? Have bride come back in the room. The guest with the most correct answers wins.

### **29. Find the Groom**

Have one balloon for each guest. When blowing up each balloon, put a photo of the groom in one balloon, and a picture of another man in each other balloon (some pictures could be cute ones- like Spiderman, Mickey Mouse, etc.). Each guest is given one balloon each and asked to pop their balloon. The one that finds the picture of the true groom wins!

### **30. ABC Guess**

Write down the letters of the alphabet on separate cards. On each, choose a wedding/marriage-related word. ("R" – ring). One letter at a time, have guests guess the word you have chosen. If they guess correctly they are given the card. The guest with the most cards at the end wins the game.

### **31. Famous TV Couples**

Write down the last names of 20 TV couples. Give the last names to each shower guest. Have guests guess the first names of the couples. Then, as a group, read the couples' first names and the show they were from. The one with the most names correct wins.

### **32. Guess the Apron Game**

Buy an apron and various utensils. Pin all the items onto the apron. Have the Bride model the apron in front of all the guests, then leave the room. Have guests write down all the items that were pinned on the apron- the one with the most correct guesses wins. Give the apron & utensils to the bride.

### **33. Say the Secret Word**

Before the shower, choose a 'secret word'. Tell the word to the Bride-to-be, and also write down in a hidden spot. The first guest to use the word wins a prize.

### **34. Balloon Burst- Bride's Name**

Blow up a LOT of balloons. In each balloon, insert a small piece of paper. Each piece should have a name on it, but only one will have the bride's name (or whatever other



word you would like to use). Have guests burst the balloons to get the names out. The guest that finds the bride's name wins.

### **35. Dough Brides**

Provide approximately one can of dough for every 2 people. Have guests make little brides out of the clay. The Bride-to-Be judges the brides and the winner gets a prize.

### **36. Wedding Scramble**

Choose approximately 10-12 words related to weddings and scramble the letters. Give a copy of this list to each guest. Time guests and see who can unscramble the most words. (Be careful to include all the letters or guests will have a difficult time performing this task).

### **37. Guess the Food**

Choose 10 or so foods or recipes. Read the ingredients to the shower guests. Have guests write down their guess as to what the food is. The guest with the most number correct wins.

### **38. Paper Dress**

Divide the guests up into teams of approximately 4 people. Give each team a roll of toilet paper. Using only the paper, each group needs to dress one of their team members (wedding dress & veil). Tell guests that they can score points for creativity! The Bride-to-Be chooses the best effort, and the entire team can be awarded prizes.

### **39. Pin the Veil on the Bride**

Get a large picture of a bride, and make some small veils from paper or material. Blindfold the guests, and have them pin the veil on the bride. The guest closest to the head wins a prize.

### **40. Recipes for the Bride & Groom**

Have each guest bring in a favorite recipe to the shower. Give each guest a recipe card and have them write out their recipe for the bride and groom.

# Activities that Make Memories

Let's face it- the bridal shower isn't just about gifts and games. It is also about creating memories of family, friends, and of the bridal shower itself. Why not keep this in mind as you plan your bridal shower activities. There are many things you can do to capture sweet memories for the sentimental bride-to-be.

Here are a few ideas:

## **1. Advice to Bride & Groom**

Using the cards provided with the kit, have each guest take a few minutes and write down some words of wisdom for the bride & groom. Present these together to the bride.

## **2. Message to Bride & Groom**

As guests arrive, have each go to another room and leave a message to the bride, or to the couple. They can write a message in a book . A wonderful variation is to have them leave a message on a tape recorder or video camera.

## **3. A Memento for the Bride**

As guests arrive, have them sign a memento for the bride. Purchase non-toxic fabric paint or permanent markers, and something for them to sign- a towel, or t-shirt. Or have them sign a page that can be matted and framed. Present these to the Bride at the end of the party.

## **4. Time Capsule**

Get a large box or other container, and decorate it. Ask guests to bring items to put in the time capsule- anything related to the time of the wedding. Newspapers, tapes, cds, a video, magazines. Guests can also put a personal note to the couple inside.

## **5. Anniversary Card**

Give each guest a blank card and envelope that is numbered. You may wish to number from 1-20. Ask each guest to write an anniversary card for that year of the couple's anniversary- with thoughts about them, their relationship, their future, etc. You can also have the groom-to-be fill out a card in advance for the bride for their anniversary.

# Gift Ideas

## Kitchen

- pots, pans
- kitchen utensils & gadgets
- utensils, dishes
- storage containers
- salad bowls
- mixing bowls, measuring spoons
- knife set
- cookie sheets & other bakeware
- serving dishes
- serving tray
- tea/coffee set
- vegetable steamer
- double boiler
- grill
- blender
- food processor
- recipe books
- roaster
- slow cooker
- dish towels & cloths
- wine glasses
- crystal
- appliances
- china
- **Family Recipe Journal**- a great gift idea for the new couple! To view this online, view our website at

<http://www.lilangelgifts.com/family-recipe-journal.html>



## Living Room

- vase
- plants
- clock
- wine rack
- candle holders
- framed photos

## Bedroom

- sheets, pillows, blankets
- lamp

## Bathroom

- towels, facecloths
- bath products
- bathroom accessories

## General Items

- sewing machine
- sewing kit
- fire extinguisher
- tools
- personal bridal stationery

## Pamper the Bride

- jewelry
- gift certificate for salon or spa
- lingerie

## Memories

- photo album
- photo frames
- gift cert for a photo sitting
- **Wedding Keepsake Journal**- a wonderful gift the bride and groom will be sure to cherish. They can record everything from their dating days, through to their honeymoon.  
<http://www.lilangelgifts.com/wedding-keepsake-journal.html>  
(See back of this guide for more information)



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## Your Top 5

Pick your top 5 favorite games or ideas from this ebook that you might consider trying:

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And, if you think the bride would enjoy our [wedding party relationship journals](#), please remember to tell her about us.

I hope you'll visit us at [www.lilangelgifts.com](http://www.lilangelgifts.com) ☺ ~Jennifer, Lil' Angel Gifts

## Our Wedding Keepsake Journal



Makes a great  
wedding or shower gift!!!

**Our Wedding Keepsake Journal** is a wonderful way for a couple to record precious memories of their wedding. The journal includes suggested topics for the couple to fill out, including many pages to attach photos & keepsakes.

### Topics include:

- The couple's dating relationship
- The proposal
- Engagement- announcement & engagement party
- Bridal shower- including guest & gift list
- Wedding invitation
- Rehearsal & rehearsal dinner
- Pre-ceremony
- Ceremony, Readings, Songs
- Reception
- Favorite guest memories
- Guest & gift list
- Wedding Announcement
- The Honeymoon
- Special Thoughts
- Pages for photos for each topic area

**Great Idea!** - is there someone with whom you are very close that can not attend your wedding for some reason- why not fill out one of the **Our Wedding Keepsake Journals** and give to that person. It will be like they never missed it!

<http://www.lilangelgifts.com/wedding-keepsake-journal.html>

# For The Bride on her wedding day...

*(a relationship journal from a friend, relative, member of the wedding party, etc. to the bride)*

**A TOUCHING gift to a bride on her special day!**



This relationship journal is the ultimate in personal gifts. It is beautifully outlined with 23 suggested topics about your relationship and the bride's upcoming wedding. You (with the help of the topics) simply fill out the journal, and give it to the bride. Guaranteed she will be absolutely moved by this gift!

This journal is suitable for a member of her wedding party to fill out for her- such as a **BRIDESMAID, MAID/MATRON OF HONOR**. Or can also be filled out by another CLOSE FRIEND. We have also designed the topics so the **MOTHER OF THE BRIDE** can fill it out for her daughter as well!

Surprise the bride with this incredible gift at her bridal shower, bridesmaid luncheon, as a wedding gift, on the morning of her wedding, or any other perfect time!

## Included, are such topics as:

- Things you've done that I'm proud of...
- Things What you've taught me- about things, life & myself...
- My hopes and dreams I'd like to share with you...
- What I gain most from our relationship...
- Special wishes for you on your wedding day...
- What If it were the last time we spoke, what I would say to you...
- And more!

This will surely be one of the bride's favorite & treasured wedding gifts because of the thought put into it. It is the perfect way to express your gratitude for your friendship & give your best wishes.

[www.lilangelgifts.com/the-bride.html](http://www.lilangelgifts.com/the-bride.html)



## For the Bride Note Card

We offer coordinating note cards to match all of our wedding party journals. Envelope included.

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# Family Recipe Journal

A collection of Your Family's Favorite Recipes- for yourself, or for another cook in the family...

*(Journal comes blank. Gift-giver or recipient must fill it in with their family recipes)*



Do you know anyone who could use help organizing their recipes?

This recipe journal makes a treasured **wedding or bridal shower gift, housewarming gift** or a wonderful present for the cook in the family.

Or perhaps you have a family member- a daughter, son, or sibling, who is learning to cook and is slowly collecting family recipes? Imagine their surprise if they received this book filled in with their favorite treats.

Family Recipe Journal gives enough room to record 99 scrumptious family favorites...

For more information: <http://www.lilangelgifts.com/family-recipe-journal.html>

Taking a moment to share with you some products we've created, and that might help you with your bridal shower gift needs.

And, if you think the bride would enjoy our [wedding party relationship journals](#), please remember to tell her about us.

I hope you'll visit us at [www.lilangelgifts.com](http://www.lilangelgifts.com) ☺ ~Jennifer, Lil' Angel Gifts

At Lil' Angel Gifts, we make personal journals and gifts in a variety of areas, but our [wedding party relationship journals](#) are our most sought after. If you think the Bride-to-Be would be interested in these products, please pass along the info. Thanks!



## Sentimental Gifts For Your Entire Wedding Party

Are you looking for **AMAZING** gifts for your wedding party that are **SO** personal, they are sure to make them **CRY?!?** Look no further!

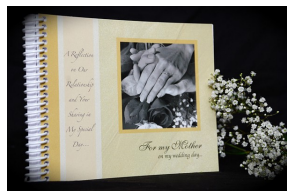
"I know that I already left you feedback . . . but that was BEFORE my groom opened his book on our wedding night. He was moved to tears - just like your ad said! It was better than I had even hoped. Thank you again for a wonderful item . . . and quick shipment. It made a lasting impression on him . . . AND me!"

*Susan Setash, Manssas, VA*

Beautiful **relationship journals** that will be sure to touch the heart of every member of your wedding party...

Looking for **bridal party cards**? Matching notecards are available on each individual page.

### Wedding Gift for Parents

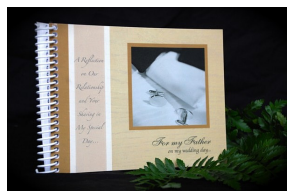


#### Mother of the Bride or Groom

Our BEST SELLING item!

Appropriate for the bride to give to her mother, or the groom to give to his mother.

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#### Father of the Bride or Groom

A SWEET gift to give to your father on or before your wedding day. Sure to bring tears to your father's eyes.

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### **For My Parents- on my wedding day**

A SWEET gift to fill out & give to your parents on or before your wedding day.

<http://www.lilangelgifts.com/parents-wedding-journal.html>

## **Wedding Gift from Bride to Groom**



### **For My Groom Journal**

The most personal gift you could give your husband.

Make him CRY! :)

<http://www.lilangelgifts.com/groom.html>



### **For My Bride**

Grooms, your bride will surely be overwhelmed by this personal gift. Some couples exchange these journals with each other!

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## **Bridal Party Attendant Gifts**



### **For My Bridesmaid**

A TOUCHING gift to give to one or all of your bridesmaids. This friendship journal is a unique and thoughtful gift that you can give at the rehearsal dinner, bridesmaid luncheon, or other perfect occasion.

<http://www.lilangelgifts.com/bridesmaid.html>



### **For My Maid of Honor**

This journal gives the bride the opportunity to reflect on her friendship with her maid of honor, and share these thoughts by giving them to her in a sweet little journal.

<http://www.lilangelgifts.com/maid-of-honor.html>



### **For My Matron of Honor**

This journal gives the bride the opportunity to reflect on her friendship with her matron of honor, and share these thoughts by giving them to her in a sweet little journal.

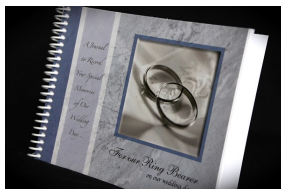
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### **Flower Girl Memory Book**

A sweet memory book for the bride & groom to give their flower girl. Great for even very young flower girls- help her preserve her memories!

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### **Ring Bearer Memory Book**

A sweet memory book for the bride & groom to give their ring bearer. Great for even very young ring bearers!

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### **Our Wedding Guest Journal**

Are you looking for a guest book alternative for your wedding? This guest JOURNAL is not your traditional wedding guest book!

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### **Our Wedding Keepsake Journal**

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### **Grandmother / Grandfather of the Bride or Groom**

Sure to bring tears to your grandmother's eyes, as she reads your thoughts and feelings that you have recorded specially for her. We also now have a journal for your grandfather!

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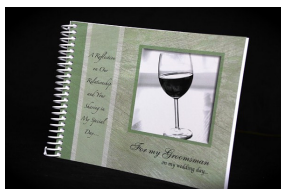
## **Wedding Party Gifts**



### **For My Best Man**

This journal gives the groom or bride the opportunity to reflect on their friendship with the best man, and share these thoughts by writing them down & giving them to him in this journal.

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### **For My Groomsman**

This journal gives the groom or bride the opportunity to reflect on their friendship with their groomsman, and share these thoughts by writing them down & giving them to him in this journal.

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### **Blank Journal**

Is there someone else that you would like to honor with a gift? Perhaps a minister, photographer, wedding planner, reader, singer, greeter, etc.

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### **For The Bride**

This journal is suitable for a member of her wedding party to fill out for the bride- such as a BRIDESMAID, MAID/MATRON OF HONOR. Or can also be filled out by another CLOSE FRIEND or the MOTHER OF THE BRIDE.

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# For My Bridesmaid- a reflection on our relationship...

*(a relationship journal from the bride to her bridesmaid)*



A **TOUCHING** gift to give to one or all of your bridesmaids. This friendship journal is a **unique and thoughtful gift** that you can give at the rehearsal dinner, bridesmaid luncheon, or other perfect occasion. And for your maid or matron of honor, we have a similar journal that acknowledges her special role in your wedding.

This journal gives the bride the opportunity to reflect on her friendship with her bridesmaid, and share

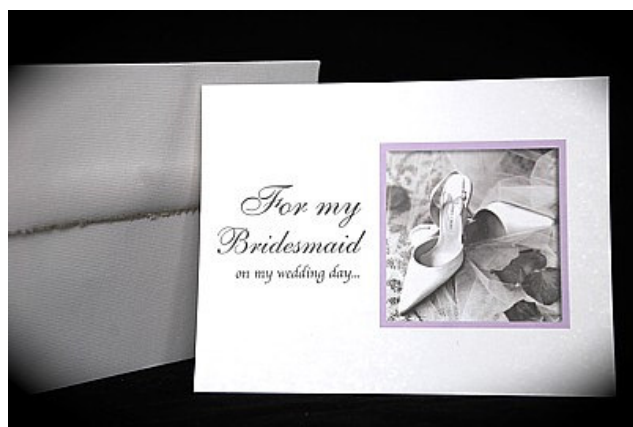
these thoughts by giving them to her in a sweet little journal.

Included are 24 suggested 'topics' the bride can write about, such as:

- What I Hope for Our Future as Friends...
- Things You've Done that I'm Proud of...
- Your Special Role in my Wedding and my Life...
- What You've Taught Me- about Things, Life or Myself...
- When I've Needed You the Most...
- If it were the Last Time we Spoke, What I Would Say to You...

*It's the perfect personalized gift because YOU make it personal...*

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## Bridesmaid Note Card

Coordinating note cards to match all of our wedding party journals. Envelope included.

*Size 4.25" x 5.5"*

# Mother of the Bride journal

## ***Once Upon a Time...***

A young bride-to-be opens the journal "**For My Mother- on my wedding day...**". She reads through the pages- beautifully outlined with various suggested topics about her relationship with her mother and her thoughts of her upcoming wedding. As she fills in the pages with her innermost feelings, she is overcome by the memories she recalls and by her emotions. What a perfect gift for her mother- so truly personal- EXACTLY what she was hoping to give her at this special time...



Several days later, a new Mother of the Bride is presented with a sweet journal- lovingly filled out by her daughter. She is deeply touched by the thought put into her gift. It couldn't be any more perfect or more personal...

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## PRODUCT RECOMMENDATION

I've recently had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with another young female entrepreneur who is offering a beautiful personalized product that you might be interested in. Check it out!

### From the owner of Creative Custom Cardboxes:



*When planning my own wedding I was searching for a unique and secure way to store gifts and cards at our reception. Frustrated with the gaudy, tacky or just plain expensive options I was coming across, I finally created my own custom cardbox that was simple, elegant, and understated while still corresponding with my theme.*

***Out of this DIY project, Creative Custom Cardboxes was born!***



All of our designs are inspired by the lovely and fun color combinations of weddings today. We want brides to have something up to date that matches their wedding decor. Our goal is that brides will add "that personal touch" to weddings even if they don't have the time to do it themselves!

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