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Wedding Showers: Ideas And Recipes For The Perfect Party



Synopsis

Your best friend is getting married, it's up to you to throw the shower. Now what? Forget the paper plateribbon bouquet. Times have changed and people are delving into tradition with contemporary flair. With four unique party themes, *Wedding Showers* offers menus, decorating ideas, creative projects, and activities to suit a range of personalities and visions, making it the ideal guide for today's shower host. A traditional afternoon of tea invites guests to a selection of mouthwatering cakes, tarts, and cookies. A tropical cocktail party carries the festivities outside. The day-at-the-beach shower takes a fun and casual approach with its bountiful barbecue and brightly colored canopies. An intimate beauty shower centers around luxuriant home-spa treatments followed by pretty boxed lunches. From making the plans to decorating the venue, the authors breathe new life into the long-standing tradition of the wedding shower.

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Customer Reviews

First off, this book is written by two editors from Martha Stewart's Living, so you know the ideas and recipes will be wonderful. They are!My problem with this book is that it is very limited. As a first time maid of honor (AND bridesmaid), I am completely lost as to how to throw a wedding shower. This book has a little bit on the history of the wedding shower and what goes on during one, but that's about it for basic info. After reading this book, there were still many aspects to a shower that I found unclear. I know that there are suppose to be activities/games during a shower, but none were listed. Another problem I have with this book is that all the ideas and recipes require a bit of money to pull

off. Silk napkins? Bamboo sake cups? Rose petals in the punch? It's all great and wonderful, but for someone on a tight budget, it's just not going to happen. So what does this book have, you ask? Four really beautiful themes for wedding showers. With a good amount of pictures. We have "An Afternoon of Desserts" where everything is sort of dainty and pink. Very elegant. There's "Tropical Cocktails" with fun island inspired recipes and decorations. "A Day of Beauty" lacks decoration ideas, but has wonderful favors. Last but not least, "Beach Barbecue" is great for outdoors. Each theme has decoration ideas, menu ideas, and favor ideas. There is also a timeline guide so that you have an idea of when to do things. Overall, I would recommend this book, but I would *definitely* have other wedding shower books around. This was the first book I purchased for shower planning, and have bought two others since then. I'm now ready to throw a party. :)

This book saved me as I was planning my best friend's wedding shower last month. I've never thrown a shower before and I was in a panic because I wanted it to be fabulous. Thanks to this book, it was. The menus were easy to replicate and the decorations and invitations were fun to make. The to-do lists relieved my anxiety that I was forgetting something. We all had a great time. Our friends said it was the best wedding shower they'd ever been to. My best friend couldn't stop thanking me for throwing such a fun and elegant shower for her. I highly recommend this book!

A beautiful and handy book. Easy to follow, and lots of fun and unique ideas.

Mainly recipes and focused on only three themes: Beach BBQ, Deserts, and Tropical/Asian theme (sake, coconut, etc)...would have liked ideas on the more traditional shower.

If your best friend is clear about the man, be clear about the shower. This book helped me organize and execute a sassy, clever yet chic wedding shower. When they got the amazing invitations my guests knew this party would be different. My friends who have had to endure the traditional games at a multitude of showers over the years, were blown away by the shower born from this book.

Creative and modern ideas for throwing a modern day bridal shower. Exquisite still photography showcasing each shower favor, table setting, food item, and room decor. Very different from the existing bland works that currently sit on the bookstore shelves. Some of the ideas are too posh or "stuffy" for middle America, but the ideas can certainly be adapted to your budget and tastes.

This is a rich, colorful book filled with great ideas. If you need inspiration, direction or ideas for a unique and memorable wedding shower, this is the book you're looking for. The photographs are lush and the step by step directions for everything from the invitations to the recipes are easy to follow. This is one of those books that you'll never get back if you lend it to someone.

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