

Ordering Bridal Shower Invites

Choosing and ordering bridal shower invites is a necessary part of planning a bridal shower, but not always the most fun part. If you are not naturally fond of details, dealing with the details of invitations can be tiresome. Here is an informal checklist to make the process easier for you.

First, where should you get the invitations? Brick and mortar stores have decent selections, but you have to drive from store to store, try to get the attention of the clerks, then flip through books to find what you want. Online stores are at your fingertips at the touch of a button, and their catalogs are searchable by style and color as well as by collection. Tools like Google Shopping make comparing prices even easier. The convenience and the savings in the cost of the invitations more than offsets the cost of shipping.

Second, which style of invitation would best suit the bridal shower you are planning? You may be able to find bridal shower invites that match the wedding invitations, since many invitation styles come in sets to cover all the important events in an engagement and wedding. or you may be throwing a themed bridal shower, and want invitations that match the theme. If you want to throw a themed shower but have not settled on a theme, finding an invitation in the brides style is a fantastic way to get started.

Third, how should the invitations be worded? Remember to include the partys web page as well as the more obvious information, like your contact information and the time and place of the party. Although it is tempting to make a joke or slip in a cute turn of phrase, try to resist the urge. It is too easy for "cute" to turn into "twee."

Fourth, when should you place your order for the bridal shower invites? There is only one good answer: right away. Invitations get lost on their way from the printer to you and on their way from you to the guests. The more time you put into the schedule to act as a cushion if invitations are lost, the more time you have to fix the problem.

If you follow all of these steps (and get a little help from your friends in addressing and mailing the invitations) then ordering bridal shower invites should be a quick and painless process. Happy planning, and may you throw the bridal shower of your friends dreams!

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