

Baby Shower Invitations for Something New

I have some good friends who are pregnant for the first time and due this next month. I offered to throw them a baby shower. They were a little wary at first. They are pretty non traditional and did not want to obligate people to buy them a lot of stuff. "So, you just send out baby shower invitations and people have to buy you things?" They asked. Given that I myself am an outspoken opponent of any shower that makes people feel obligated to buy something, I saw their point and wanted to come up with something different. I also know that baby showers represent something altogether more fulfilling emotionally than the average greedy bridal shower. A good number of newlyweds are older than their counterparts of 20 years prior. Most of them are well established in their careers and already have everything they need for their homes. In the old days, young couples did not have much for their households and bridal showers helped fill that void. Guests receiving [bridal shower invitations](#) should be asked to help celebrate, not reach into their pocketbooks. Friends and family will always want to give gifts anyway, but you want them to feel unencumbered and inspired when doing so. That brings us back to the baby shower for my friends. I assured them that guests receiving baby shower invitations would be the same people who were overcome with a desire to help as soon as they heard the news of the pregnancy. Expectant first time parents do not have diapers, cribs and baby clothes hanging around the house, regardless of how much money they make. Being pregnant with your first baby, can make you run and hide with confusion over how to prepare. By getting your friends and family together for a baby shower, you allow them to offer advice and give you items that will make your life so much easier. I had no idea what a Boppy pillow was before our baby shower, and it turned out to be the thing I relied on most (next to my husband) for the year after we had our first child. Shower invitations will also be received by people who have no idea what having a baby is like. Those guests have been looking for a good reason to go into that baby boutique and buy you the softest baby blanket known to man. I came up with an idea that was well received by my friends. Their guests received shower invitations that asked them to attend a "Knowledge and Myths" party. Attendees were to bring a baby proofing item and a supply (diapers, wipes, baby thermometer). I also asked the people who were given shower invitations for the best piece of knowledge they received before they had a baby, and the most ridiculous thing masquerading as advice they had received. I took all the tidbits, had them professionally printed and bound, and gave them to the expectant couple. The books were a big hit and my friends adored that everyone shared such helpful information and entertaining tales. And they were very grateful for all the practical items and supplies that will make their life easier when the baby comes home. The shower invitations did not leave anyone with an obligation to purchase anything beyond the theme. I am almost certain everyone gave something in addition to the supplies and safety items specified in the invitation. But everyone seemed to enjoy offering support, advice and humor to the expectant couple. And that is what it is all about.

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