



# LIFE MAGAZINES

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### TURQUOISE EVENTS - **Throwing a Wedding Shower?**

**P**lanning a wedding shower is a time honoured tradition. Way back when, a wedding shower was thrown to help the Happy Couple gather the items needed to start their happy home. As a result most wedding shower gifts were pots and pans, appliances, towels and linens and other items geared towards the home-making bride. Times have changed and so have the rules regarding gifts. Many of the rules regarding etiquette however, have stayed the same. The main thing to remember is that the shower is fun for all the wedding women!

#### **Who Should Host?**

Traditionally, the shower is hosted by the maid of honour or bridal party or, if not one of these, a sister or close friend should handle the hosting duties. It's considered poor etiquette for the mother of the bride to do this.

#### **What Type of Shower?**

Would you like the shower to be a surprise? If so, this will need to be indicated on the invitation so no one inadvertently spills the beans when speaking with the bride-to-be. If you feel a surprise is going to be difficult to pull off, you might consider telling the guest of honour. There's no rule stating the bride has to be surprised.

#### **What about the Groom?**

Should men be invited to a shower? Back in the day, wedding showers were only for women. These days, hosting a "couples" shower is more acceptable. Nothing written in the etiquette books discourage this. In many cases, the women open gifts in one room while the men watch a sporting event on television or talk in another room. At some bridal showers, the men are invited to come after the gifts are opened in time for food to be served. Whatever you decide is fine.

For more information on planning your wedding shower, wedding or any other event please contact Turquoise on 07968 807752  
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