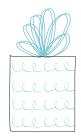


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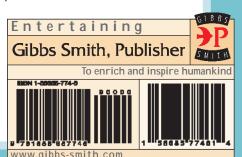


- invitations
- themes
- decorations
- games
- party favors
- and more!

The book also features 50 recipes that are just right for a baby shower, whether you are planning a Sunday brunch, a fancy lunch, or a relaxed evening get-together. Favorites include everything from Black Bean and Mango Salsa and Crispy Coconut Shrimp to Sunshine Cheesecake and Lemonade Pie.

With creative ideas and simple, sound advice,

Baby SHOWERS is just what you need to make your most important celebrations something to remember.





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Baby SHOWER Basics

A shower is a celebration—a time to "shower" an expectant mother with gifts to express love and congratulations. Throughout history women in many different cultures have gathered to honor a new mother and give her gifts. Following are some baby shower basics to keep in mind when planning a modern-day baby shower.

Showers were traditionally for the firstborn child and were a way to help with the expense of setting up a nursery, including all the clothes, bedding, and other baby items that a new mother would need. Currently the thinking for many is that every baby is a cause for celebration, so showers for second or even third babies are much more common.

Games

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There are many fun and simple games that you can play at a baby shower. Pick one or two at the most and make sure to move them along quickly. Don't get bogged down in games like crossword puzzles with baby terminology or long lists of true and false questions about baby care. Avoid games that take a long time to correct

the answers. Here are a few fun games to get your guests involved in the shower. Some of them make good icebreakers as well.

· It's ALL IN THE NAME ·

Go around the room and have each guest tell her favorite baby name. If you know the shower is for a girl, have guests give girl names only. If you know the shower is for a boy, then have guests give boy names. If you don't know whether the baby will be a girl or boy, then give favorite names for each. You can play the same game having guests give their *least* favorite baby names.









Favorite Girl Names

Elizabeth Emma Madison Olivia Hannah

Abigail Isabella Sarah Meghan

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Favorite Boy Names

Connor

Jacob Jack Matthew Zachary Ethan Ryan Andrew **James** William







Key Lime Pie



For Crust:

2 cups graham cracker crumbs

½ cup sugar

½ cup butter, melted

For Filling:

l 12-ounce can sweetened

condensed milk

3 egg yolks

⅓ cup key lime juice



For Topping:

1 pint whipping cream, sweetened

To make crust, in a medium-sized bowl, mix graham cracker crumbs, sugar, and butter together. Press evenly into the bottom and sides of a pie pan.

To make filling, beat together sweetened condensed milk, egg yolks, and key lime juice until smooth. Pour into piecrust and bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Allow to stand 10 minutes before refrigerating. Refrigerate until cool.

Top with whipped cream before serving.

Makes 12 servings.

