



# Bridal Shower To-Dos

## Inside

- 2 Bridal Shower to-dos
- 3 Bridal Directory
- 4 Music 911
- 5 Wedding Menu
- 6-7 Honeymoon by months
- 8-9 10 beauty secrets
- 10-11 Gift-giving
- 12-13 Invitations
- 14-15 how he proposed
- 16 Budget Battle
- 18-19 Photo Basics
- 20 Q & A on Thank You's
- 21 Registry Tips
- 22 Whats Hot
- 23 Eco-chic Tips
- 24 Throw the Best Shower

## Cover Design

Jamie Jeffries

## Layout & Page Design

Sue Holmgren  
Wendy Chrobak

## Feature Story

Designed By: Jamie Jeffries  
Written By: Gary Demuth

An advertising supplement of  
the Salina Journal.

If you have comments about  
this supplement, or for infor-  
mation on how to advertise in  
future supplements, contact the  
Salina Journal advertising  
Department at  
785-823-6363 or 1-800-827-6363

Scripps Howard News Service  
By KATHLEEN MURRAY  
The Knot

The bridal party is responsible for planning this typically all-female fete. Share this party planning list, then send them to TheKnot.com/bridesmaids to see what else falls in their domain.

### 1. Make a party plan.

If it's not a surprise (which is totally up to you), ask the bride what kind of a shower she wants. If she's not an English tea kind of girl, don't put on a scones-and-crumpets gathering just because it sounds fun to you.

### 2. Determine your budget.

Even if all the maids can't attend, they must contribute to the shower fund. Be clear about what everyone owes from the beginning.

### 3. Decide on a date.

A shower can take place anytime between six months to a week before the wedding. Depending on where most of the guests live, you may need to schedule it far in advance so everyone can make travel plans.

### 4. Talk to the bride's mom.

Even though she's not the host of the event, she'll probably want to pitch in or have siblings or family friends who would like to contribute, whether it's providing the cake or hosting at their house.

### 5. Gather the guest list.

Ask the bride or her mom for names and mailing addresses. Everyone invited to the shower should also be invited to the wedding.

### 6. Order and send invitations.

They should go out between six and eight weeks before the event, depending on how many out-of-towners are on the list. Make sure guests RSVP to one person (the maid of honor, for example) to keep numbers organized.

### 7. Share the couple's registry info.

Spread the word about where the bride is registered so that folks don't get frustrated searching. It's perfectly acceptable to include this information on the shower invite.

### 8. Buy the bride a shower gift.

Even though you're paying for the party, it's necessary. Consider going in on a group gift from all the bridesmaids -- like a stand mixer or luxury bedding -- to lessen the financial blow.

### 9. Have a present plan.

On the day-of, create a gift-opening assembly line. Here's how it works: One person should bring the bride a gift to open (and take the already opened gift to a designated spot); another can dispose of the torn paper; someone can gather ribbons to create the traditional rehearsal bridal bouquet; and, most important, one bridesmaid needs to keep track of who gave what gift so the bride doesn't have to rely on her memory when writing thank-yous.

### 10. Attend all other showers.

Many brides are showered twice to satisfy two groups of loved ones: one for their mother's friends, and another for theirs. While you need host only one, you should show up at the other too.

## Ask The Expert!

Q.

What if my tuxedo doesn't fit on the Friday before my wedding on Saturday?

A.

"Fitting emergencies are not a problem. We have over 40 years of experience providing fitting solutions at the last minute."

Glenn Headley - Headley's Clothing

## Formal Wear

Groom's Tux  
Free with 6 or  
more paid rentals.



Open Evenings &  
Saturdays for Fittings.  
Mon.-Thurs. 9-8  
Fri. & Sat. 9-6

**HEADLEY'S** CLOTHING  
Also Big  
& Tall



1829 S. Ninth, Salina  
785-825-0689