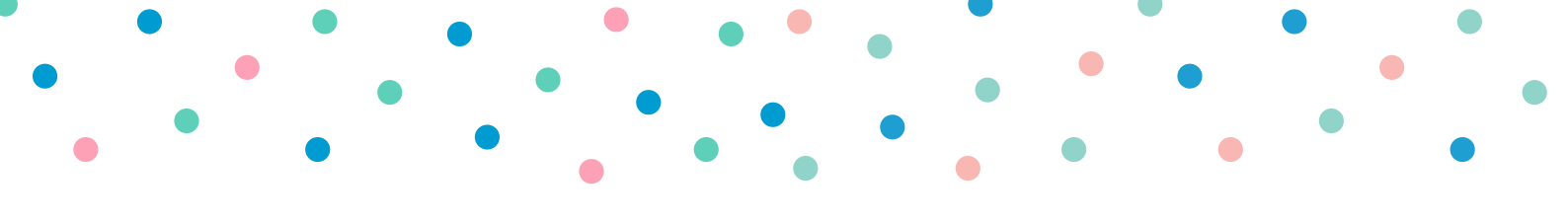




PLANNING A PERFECT GRANDMA SHOWER

Your complete guide to a worry-free event

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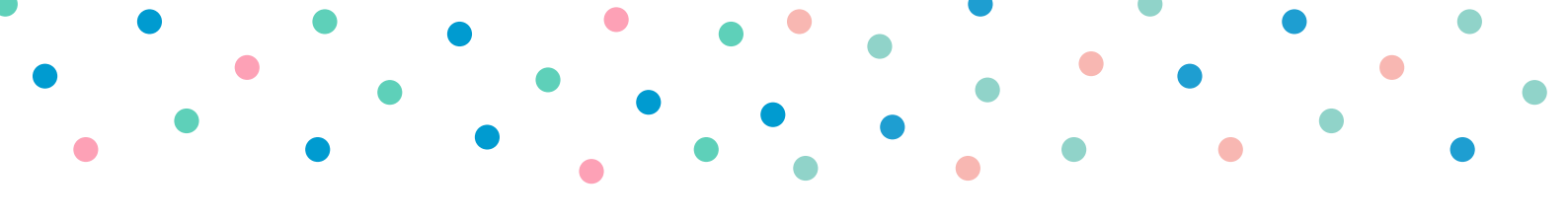


INTRODUCTION

This guide was designed to help you throw the best Grandma Shower for the new Grandma in your life. It is a companion guide that complements our article "Hosting a Grandmother Shower" at PassingDownTheLove.com.

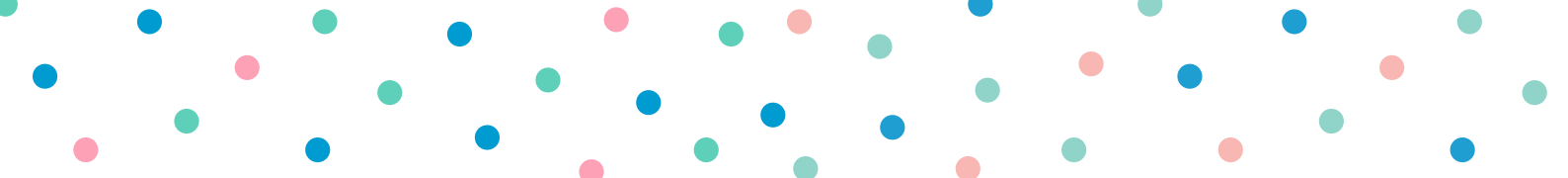
Just as every new Grandmother is unique, so is her shower. Some of the ideas, games and snacks will be suitable for your shower and others may not. Please use the ideas that are helpful to you in hosting YOUR New Grandma Shower.

Have fun planning your shower!



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GRANDMA SHOWER CHECKLIST

TO DO LIST

MY SCHEDULE

DON'T FORGET

GRANDMA SHOWER CHECKLIST

Where to Begin - up to 2 months before

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| ☐ Find a co-host | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Make sure Grandma can come | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Set a date & time | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Create a guest list - estimate # | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Decide on a location | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Make a budget | ☐ _____ |

Next - Up to 1 month before

- ☐ See what Grandma needs
- ☐ Choose a theme
- ☐ Purchase/order invitations
- ☐ Address & send invitations **
- ☐ Make a menu

**Note: Include with Invitations:
Date, Time, Place Directions, Ideas
for Gifts, RSVP reply # and reply
deadline, hostess names.

Then - 2-3 weeks before

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Finalize the menu | ☐ Purchase your gift |
| ☐ Find supplies - plates, utensils, etc. | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Purchase decorations | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Order a cake & flowers or balloons | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Make or buy favors | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Plan games & buy or make prizes | ☐ _____ |

Reminders: _____

GRANDMA SHOWER CHECKLIST

1 week before - It's getting close!

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| ☐ Collect RSVPs for a final headcount | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Wrap all prizes and gifts | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Put someone in charge of photos | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Plan room arrangement & seating | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Plan cake table, food arrangement | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Have a notebook and pens or pencils available | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Make sure your help knows their responsibilities ie: cake/balloon pickup | |
| ☐ Begin cleaning your house | |

1-2 days before - it's almost here!

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| ☐ Go grocery shopping | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Fix food that can be made ahead | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Organize utensils, serving dishes | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Put up decorations | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Put out tables, seating | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Set up gift table area | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Pick up the cake/balloons | |
| ☐ Ice, trash bags | |
| ☐ Have game supplies ready/printed | |
| ☐ Put out favors | |
| ☐ Have an area for garbage | |

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GRANDMA SHOWER CHECKLIST

The BIG day!

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| ☐ Check your list | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Fix the food | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Clean last-minute areas | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Check for toilet paper & tissues | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Have trash receptacles available | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Put out favors, games, gifts | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Pick up and display balloons | |
| ☐ Set out ice, beverages, glasses | |
| ☐ Put up any outdoor signs | |
| ☐ Turn on some background music | |
| ☐ Welcome your guests | |
| ☐ Be sure to write down gifts received | |

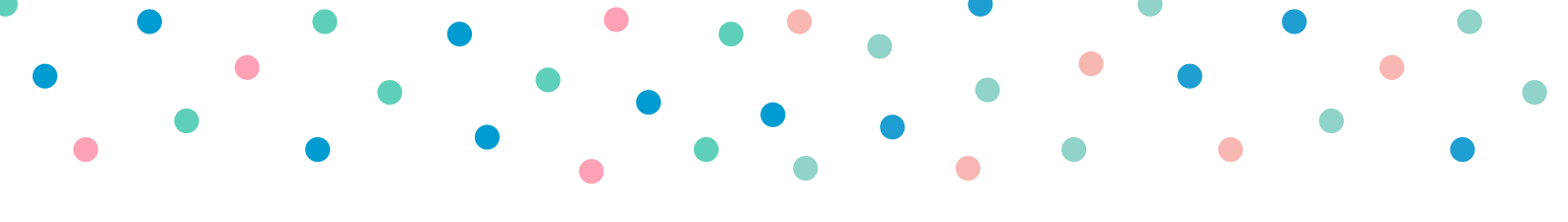
Notes: _____

Grandma Shower Checklist

Notes & Tips:

1. If you decide to go to a restaurant, you can mark a lot of things off this list right away. Having someone else, cook, clean, serve, provide the space, and clean up afterward is a great way to go. However, having the shower at home is more intimate, you can talk and visit more freely, provide your own special touches, and make the shower more personal. Choose the venue based on your preferences.
2. Decide if you plan to invite the Mom-to-be. This probably depends on the type of celebration you're planning. Is it a celebration among friends? A more traditional shower? Where does Grandma live in relation to her soon-to-appear grandchild? Consider your choice carefully and strive to keep everyone happy.
3. Is your guest of honor part of a group of couples that you socialize with on a regular basis? Consider making this a GrandPARENT shower and invite couples.
4. In order to preserve the memories of this occasion take lots of pictures, have someone videotape guests giving advice or well wishes to the new Grandma, or have them write her a note.
5. [See gift suggestions here.](#)
6. This party should be more about celebrating the new status of "Grandma" than about gift getting. Share this transitional time of life with the new Grandma by making her feel special!
7. Feel free to contact me at PassingDowntheLove.com with any questions you may have. And let me know if there is anything I have forgotten that needs to be added to this list.
8. Visit PassingDowntheLove.com again soon. Have a great celebration!

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Games, Instructions, and Printables

Baby Word Scramble

Nursery Rhyme Quiz

The Left - Right Shower Game

Dress the Baby

Baby, The Price is Right

Guess the Baby Food

Guess What's in the Diaper

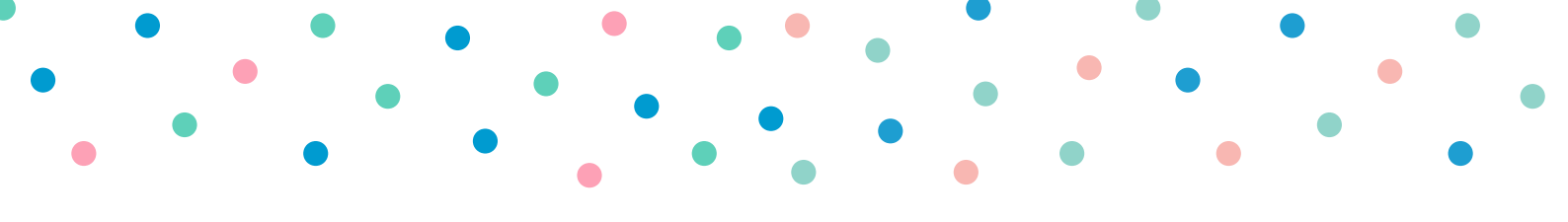
Other fun games:

- Don't Say Baby Game

- My Water Broke Game

- Color Onesies for Baby

- Wishes for Baby/Advice for Grandma



BABY WORD SCRAMBLE

Instructions:

Supplies:

A pen or pencil for each guest.

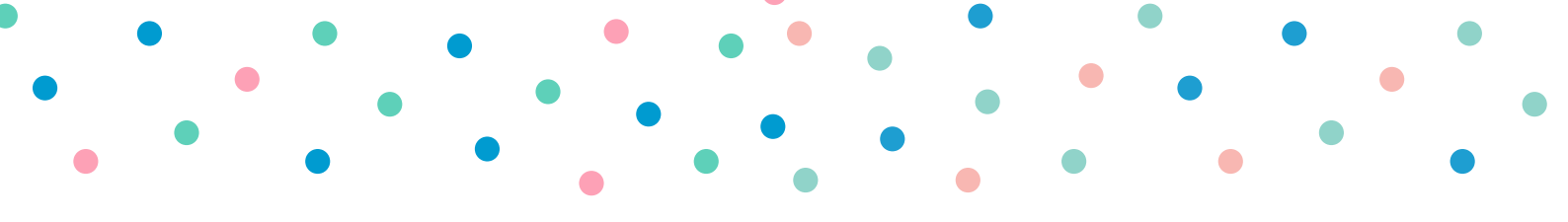
"Baby Word Scramble" Printable for each guest.

Set a timer for 7 minutes, or however long you think your guests will need.

When you say go, have guests attempt to unscramble the baby-related words on the page.

When time is up, use your key to read the answers to your guests.

The winner of this game is the one who unscrambles the most words correctly.



BABY WORD SCRAMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE WORDS RELATED TO BABY

1. loltrser

2. aipresd

3. ficrsiepa

4. arc easts

5. giahrrhcirh

6. nalbktse

7. rmeetmrteho

8. oostibe

9. dleaswd

10. oesein

11. moophas

12. etehnitg nigr

13. tsebsani

14. kalwre

15. tltseob

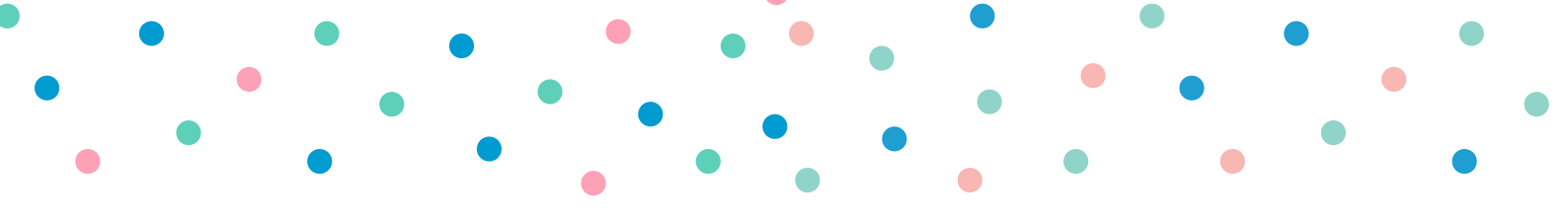
16. piews

17. ntesmit

18. rlcware

19. gigselg

20. puschi



BABY WORD SCRAMBLE KEY

THESE ARE THE CORRECT ANSWERS

1. stroller

2. diapers

3. pacifiers

4. car seats

5. highchair

6. blankets

7. thermometer

8. booties

9. swaddle

10. onesie

11. shampoo

12. teething ring

13. bassinet

14. walker

15. bottles

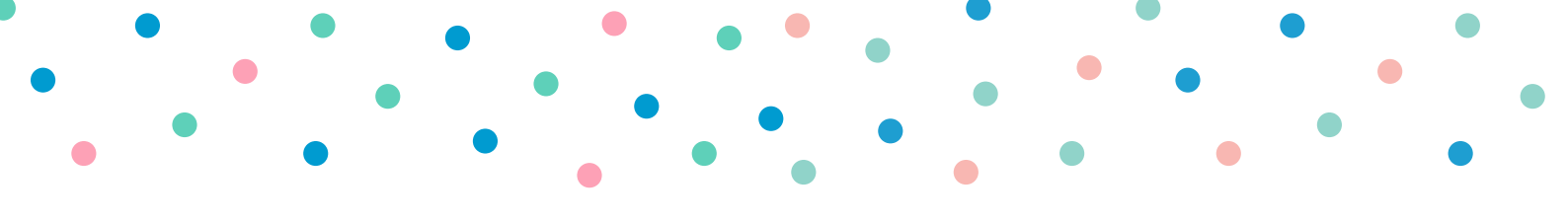
16. wipes

17. mittens

18. crawler

19. giggles

20. hiccups



NURSERY RHYME QUIZ

Instructions:

Supplies:

A pen or pencil for each guest.

"Nursery Rhyme Quiz" Printable for each guest.

Set a timer for 7 minutes, or however long you think your guests will need.

When you say go, have guests attempt to identify the nursery rhymes.

When time is up, use your key to read the answers to your guests.

The winner of this game is the one who has the most answers correct.



NURSERY RHYME QUIZ

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ABOUT NURSERY RHYMES

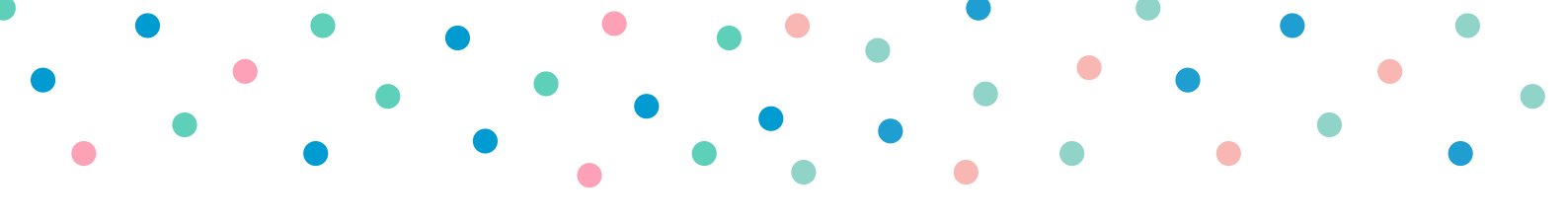
1. What grows in Mistress Mary's garden?
2. Who did Simple Simon meet going to the fair?
3. How many pickled peppers did Peter Piper Pick?
4. What did the three little kittens lose?
5. Why did Old Mother Hubbard go to the cupboard?
6. Where did Little Miss Muffet sit?
7. What did Tommy Tucker do to get supper?
8. Who did the three blind mice run after?
9. How many blackbirds were baked in the pie?
10. Where did Humpty Dumpty sit?
11. What couldn't Jack Sprat eat?
12. Where did the pussycat go?
13. Wednesday's child was full of
14. How much wool did the black sheep have?
15. What did Tom the Piper's son steal?
16. Who called it macaroni?
17. Who did the dish run away with?
18. Who followed Mary to school?
19. What did Jack jump over?
20. When it's raining, what's the old man doing?

NURSERY RHYME QUIZ KEY

THESE ARE THE CORRECT ANSWERS

1. What grows in Mistress Mary's garden?
Silver Bells and Cockle Shells
2. Who did Simple Simon meet going to the fair?
a Pieman
3. How many pickled peppers did Peter Piper Pick?
A Peck
4. What did the three little kittens lose?
Mittens
5. Why did Old Mother Hubbard go to the cupboard?
to get her poor dog a bone
6. Where did Little Miss Muffet sit?
on her tuffet
7. What did Tommy Tucker do to get supper?
he sang
8. Who did the three blind mice run after?
the farmer's wife
9. How many blackbirds were baked in the pie?
four and twenty
10. Where did Humpty Dumpty sit?
on a wall
11. What couldn't Jack Sprat eat?
fat
12. Where did the pussycat go?
to London to visit the Queen
13. Wednesday's child was full of ____.
woe
14. How much wool did the black sheep have?
three bags full
15. What did Tom the Piper's son steal?
the pig
16. Who called his feather "macaroni"?
Yankee Doodle
17. Who did the dish run away with?
the spoon
18. Who followed Mary to school?
her little lamb
19. What did Jack jump over?
the moon
20. When it's raining, what's the old man doing?
snoring

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LEFT RIGHT SHOWER GAME

Instructions:

This game is great fun. First, you'll need to wrap a small gift. One of your guests will be the winner of this gift in the end. If you have a large group, you may want to have 2-3 small gifts.

Have your guests form a circle. Give the gift (or gifts) to someone in the circle.

Then you read the story. Every time the reader says "RIGHT", the gift is passed to the right. When the reader says "LEFT", pass the gift to the left.

Winner:

Whoever is holding the gift at the end is the winner and gets to keep the gift. Sometimes the gift is offered to the honoree, in this case, the New Grandma who is the center of attention today.

LEFT RIGHT SHOWER GAME

Mrs. **WRIGHT** was so excited! She was finally going to be a Grandma! It looked like today was the day. Trying to contain her enthusiasm, Mrs. **WRIGHT** called Mr. **WRIGHT** to tell him the baby was on the way. Mr. **WRIGHT** was also looking forward to this day. He'd be coming home as a Grandpa!

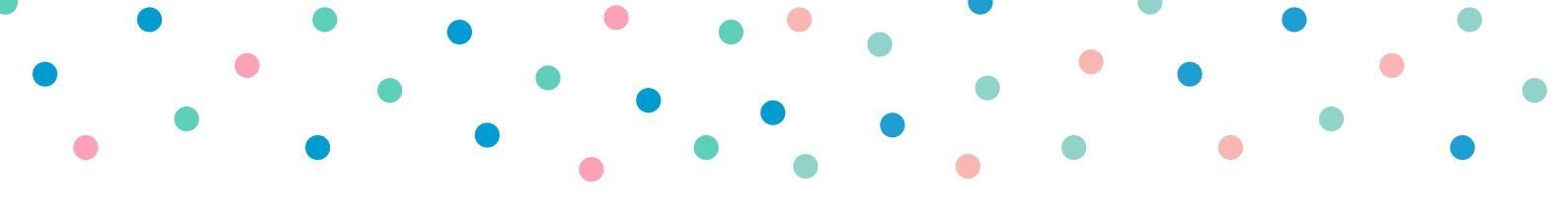
Their Daughter-in-law, who also happened to be Mrs. **WRIGHT**, had given them directions to the hospital. In a hurry to get there, Mr. **WRIGHT** got in their car, started the engine and turned **RIGHT** out of the driveway.

Because he'd **LEFT** in such a hurry, he had **LEFT** Mrs. **WRIGHT** behind. Mr. **WRIGHT** went **RIGHT** back to get Mrs. **WRIGHT**. Mrs. **WRIGHT** was **LEFT** a little irritated. Not only had she been forgotten, but they both had to get in the car on the **LEFT** side, as the **RIGHT** side door wouldn't open. Mr. **WRIGHT** should have had that fixed already!

Mr. and Mrs. **WRIGHT** again **LEFT** for the hospital, turning **RIGHT** out of the driveway. They argued about the **RIGHT** turn. Mrs. **WRIGHT** said that Mr. **WRIGHT** should have turned **LEFT**. Mr. **WRIGHT** kept insisting that he was absolutely **RIGHT**, but Mrs. **WRIGHT** kept insisting that the best way to the hospital was to the **LEFT**. Mrs. **WRIGHT** had directions from the other Mrs. **Wright**. So she was **RIGHT**. Mrs. **WRIGHT** started thinking maybe she should have **LEFT** Mr. **WRIGHT** at home.

Two blocks away, after another **LEFT** turn, they discovered they had **LEFT** Mrs. **WRIGHT**'s glasses at home. So they made a **RIGHT** turn, then a **LEFT**, to go back home where they had **LEFT** the glasses. Mr. **Wright** couldn't believe Mrs. **WRIGHT** had **LEFT** her glasses. Again. Now it was his turn to be irritated.

(continued...)



LEFT RIGHT SHOWER GAME

Mrs. Wright rushed RIGHT into the house and picked up her glasses. She knew RIGHT where she had LEFT them.

So they LEFT for the hospital again. Mr. WRIGHT listened this time, because he knew Mrs. WRIGHT was RIGHT about the directions. Finally arriving at the hospital, Mr. WRIGHT pulled up to the front of the hospital where they LEFT the car and dashed RIGHT in. Mrs. WRIGHT asked the nurse where they could find the other Mrs. WRIGHT. The nurse said, "Head RIGHT down this hall, make a LEFT then another RIGHT. Her room is on the LEFT, RIGHT by the elevators.

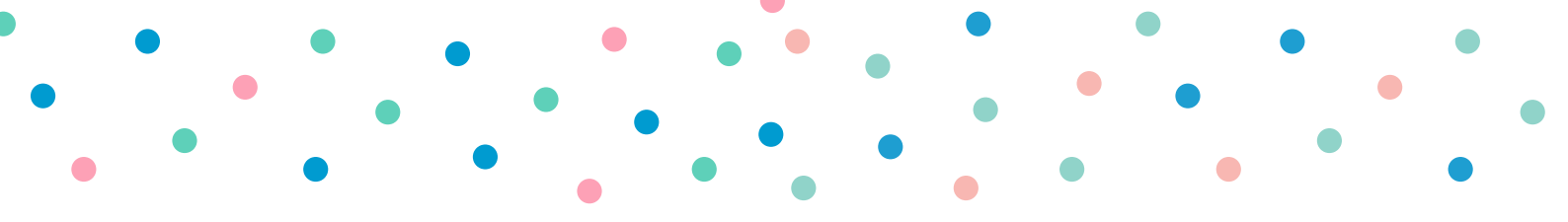
Mr. and Mrs. WRIGHT found the other Mrs. Wright and their son, the other MR. WRIGHT, were already in the delivery room. Mr. WRIGHT realized that he'd LEFT the video camera in the car. He ran out of the room and RIGHT back where he'd come from. Not only had he LEFT the camera, he discovered, but he'd LEFT the headlights on, too.

Mr. WRIGHT wasted no time; he ran RIGHT back in to join Mrs. WRIGHT in the waiting room. It wasn't long before their son, Mr. WRIGHT, came RIGHT through the door to tell them their Grandchild had arrived and everything was all RIGHT.

Mr. and Mrs. WRIGHT jumped for joy! The WRIGHT family had grown by one more that day. Mrs. WRIGHT couldn't believe how awesome it was to be a Grandma. She was LEFT speechless!

The WRIGHT family LEFT the hospital a day later with one more WRIGHT that they knew would change their lives and change the world!

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DRESS THE BABY

Instructions:

Supplies:

1 Baby doll with removable clothes, a diaper and a blanket for every 5 guests
(2 for 10 guests, 3 for 15, etc.)

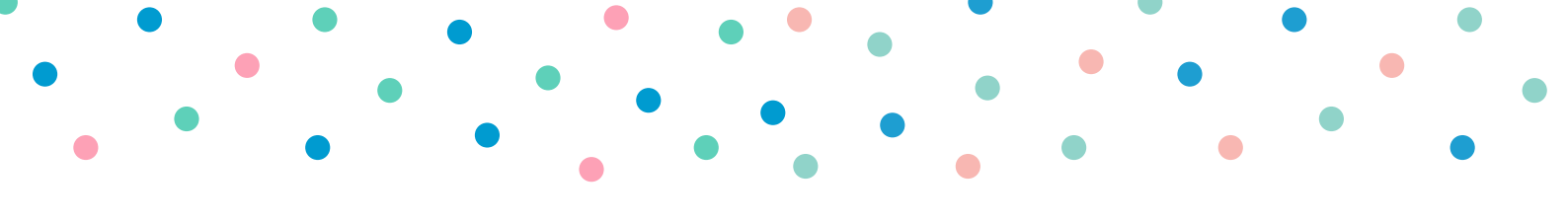
Directions:

There are quite a few variations, depending on the size of your group. This works well for a group of at least 10. The idea is to have teams of 5. When the host says “GO”, the first person in line removes the blanket and passes the baby and blanket to the second person. The second person removes the clothes and passes the baby. The third person rediapers the baby, the fourth redresses the baby and the last person wraps the baby in the blanket.

The winner is the team who finishes first.

If there is a large group, say, 20 people, have two teams race, then the second two teams race, and have a face-off between the two winning groups. Change it up, make your own rules, just have fun.

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BABY, THE PRICE IS RIGHT

Instructions:

Supplies:

Paper and pens.

"Baby, the Price is Right" Printable for each guest :

The printable for this game is simple so you can customize it to your needs.

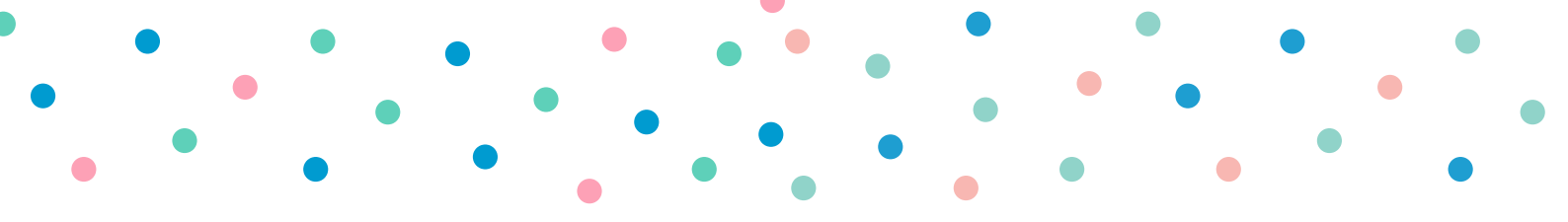
Directions:

Compile a list of many common items that the baby will need, such as diapers, wipes, bibs, etc. Use one of the printable sheets for your KEY.

Since prices will change and can vary depending on the place of purchase, use one source, like Amazon, to check prices of the items before the shower.

Call out each item to the guests and have them write down the item and guess the current retail price.

The guest with the closest total – without going over – wins.



BABY, THE PRICE IS RIGHT

ITEM

PRICE

1. _____

1. _____

2. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. _____

4. _____

4. _____

5. _____

5. _____

6. _____

6. _____

7. _____

7. _____

8. _____

8. _____

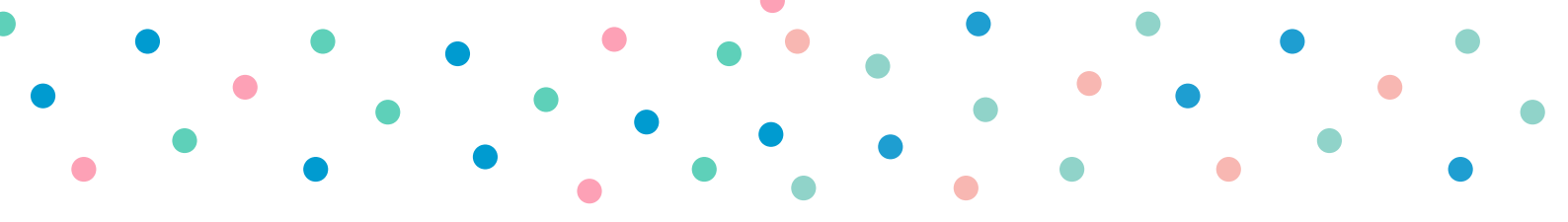
9. _____

9. _____

10. _____

10. _____

Total _____



GUESS WHAT'S IN THE DIAPER

Instructions:

Supplies:

8-10 Preemie or small diapers

8-10 assorted candy bars

Paper and pen

Sharpie

Directions:

Prepare for this game before the shower.

Use a Sharpie to number the outside of the diapers 8-10 (the number of candy bars you decided to use)

Make a KEY by numbering a paper 1-10.

Take a small portion of each candy bar and smear it on the inside of the diaper.

As you prepare each diaper, note on your KEY which candy bar was used:

Snickers

Butterfinger

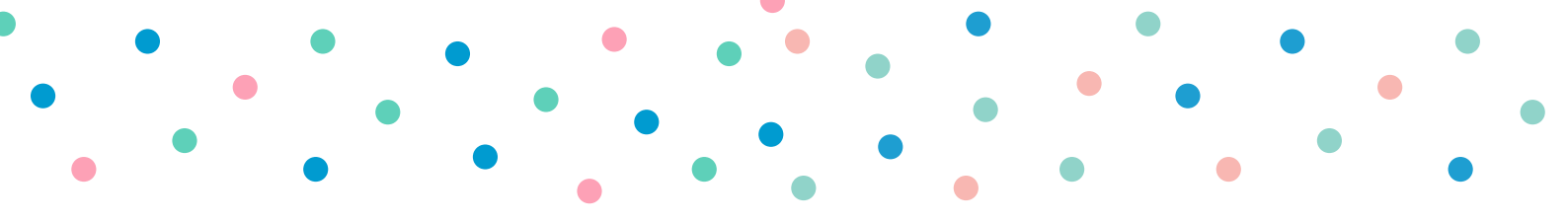
Milky Way, etc.

To Play: Give each player a paper marked 1-10

Begin passing out the diapers, allowing each person to see and smell each diaper. Have them guess which candy bar is in the diaper and note it on their paper.

The winner of this game is the person who has more correct answers.

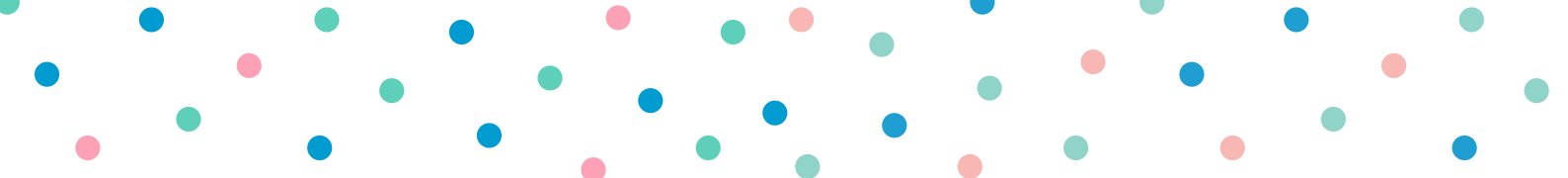
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GUESS WHAT'S IN THE DIAPER

My Guess

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____



GUESS THE BABY FOOD

Instructions:

Supplies:

A paper plate and plastic spoon for each guest

A pen or pencil for each guest

8 jars of baby food, different kinds

Sharpie

Foil

Directions:

Prepare for this game before the shower: Write 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 around the edge of each plate.

Make a KEY by marking each of the baby food jar lids with 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8. To make your KEY, use a plate to make note of what was in each jar. (see below)

Then cover each jar with foil, except for the lid.

When it's time to play, give each guest a plate and plastic spoon.

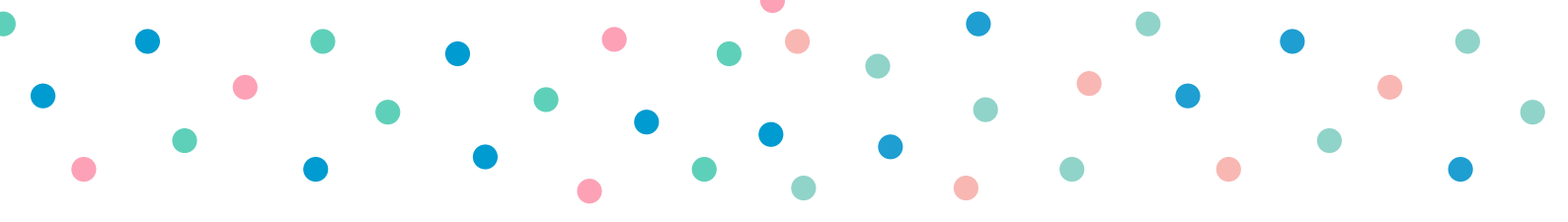
At the shower:

Have a few helpers start around the room, giving a sample of each jar to each guest by placing a small amount of the food on the corresponding number. Jar one sample by the #1 on the plate, etc. Continue until each player has all 8 samples. Since this may be a little time-consuming, consider having a few helpers fix the plates and hand them out with the samples already in place.

Give each player a pen or pencil and have them note their guess on the plate by the corresponding number.

The winner of this game is the person who has the highest number of correct guesses.

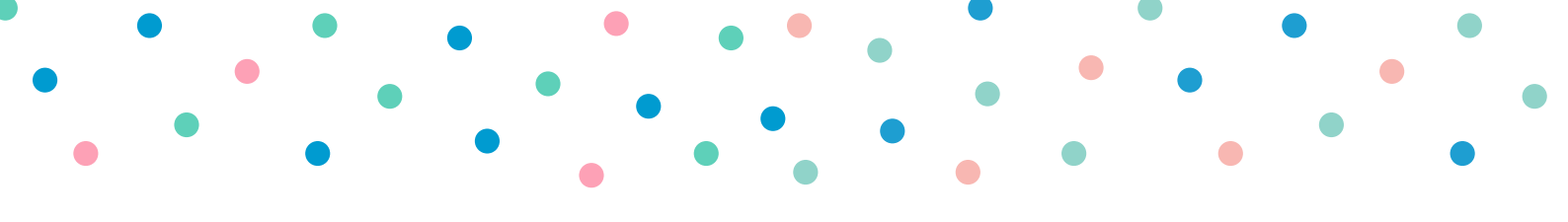
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GUESS THE BABY FOOD

My Guess

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____



OTHER FUN IDEAS

Don't Say "Baby" Game

Take a clothespin and put it on your clothes. When you hear someone say "baby", you can take their clothespin. The person with the most clothespins at the end of the shower wins a gift.

Etsy has a [cute little sign](#) you can use to explain this to your guests.

My Water Broke Game

Freeze these [cute little babies](#) in ice cubes. Everyone gets one in their drink. Whenever your baby breaks free, stand up and yell, "My water broke" and win a prize.

Etsy has a [cute little sign](#) for this game, too!

Color Onesies for Baby

Supplies: [Onesies like these at Target](#)

[Fabric Markers like these](#)

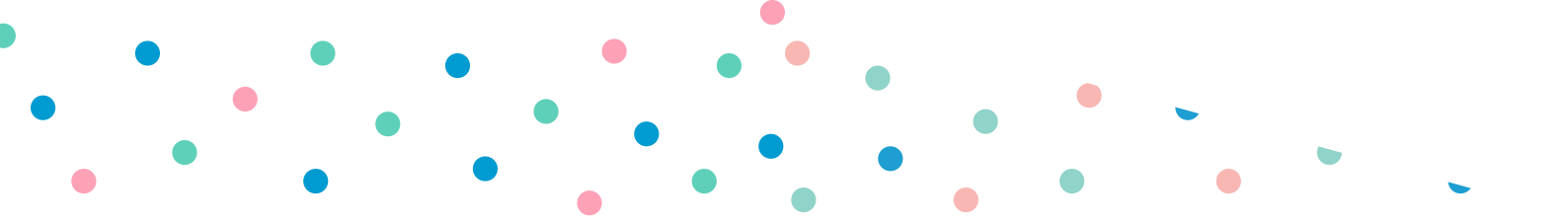
Cardboard rectangles that will fit inside the onesies.

Give each guest a onesie and let them draw a picture, write a note or decorate it. Place the cardboard inside the onesie to avoid bleeding to the other side. It may be wise to set up a special table for this project and let your guests take turns.

Wishes for Baby/Advice for Grandma

Use these [cute printables](#) for passing along your wishes and advice for the new Grandma and baby.

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GIFTS FOR GAME WINNERS

When playing games at a shower, there is usually a prize for the winners.

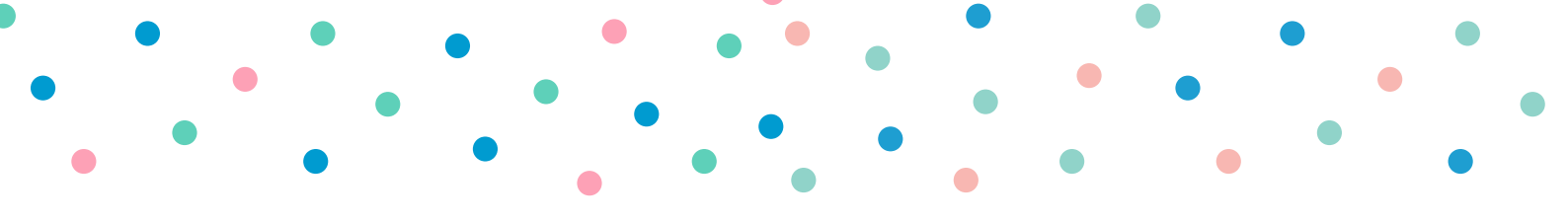
Consider the types of small gifts you would like to receive. Since this is a Grandma Shower we're talking about, a lovely prize would be something personal, like a candle, soap, a coffee cup or a box of assorted tea bags.

If you plan to pass the prize to the new Grandma, the prizes could be something baby related that Grandma could use when the baby visits. Think bibs, rattles or small toys, or a children's book.

INVITATIONS

While keeping the shower low key is a good idea, it's still fun to send invitations!

Check out these invites at [Zazzle](#) and [Etsy](#). They are especially designed for Grandma Showers and so cute!



GIFTS FOR THE NEW GRANDMA

The real purpose of a Grandmother Shower is to celebrate the new Grandma. If you'd like to also give gifts, try to keep it simple. Consider the amount of contact she will have with this little one.

Grandmas who live far away will appreciate things that remind her of her Grandchildren.

For Grandmas that live close by, a gift that she can keep and use at her house or things that make her Grandchild's visit more enjoyable are perfect gifts.

Your new Grandma friend is unique. Give a gift that fits. Here are some ideas:

Picture Frames

Children's Books

Books about Grandparenting

Baby Blanket

Diapers & Wipes

Changing Pad

Towel and Washcloth

Baby Shampoo and Soap

Binky

Toys

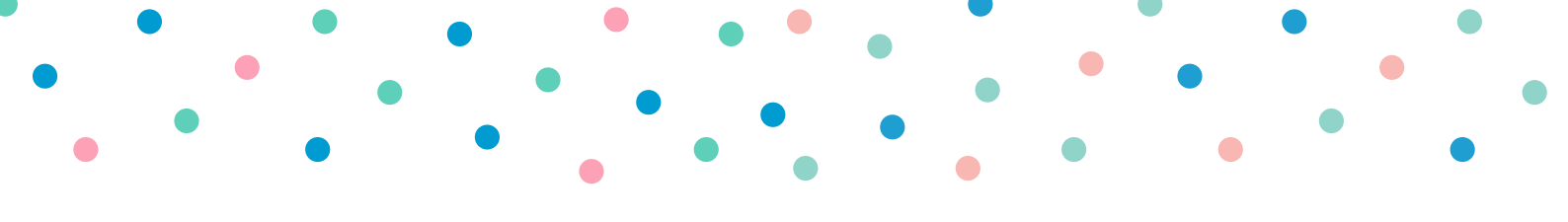
Necklace or Bracelet that says something about being a Grandma.

Willow Figurine

Grandma T-shirt

See [Passing Down the Love's Shop](#) for more ideas.

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SIT BACK AND ENJOY!

You've done all the planning, now sit back and enjoy your Grandma Shower!

This guide was designed to help you throw a great Grandma Shower for the new Grandma in your life. I hope it helped you successfully throw a fun shower!

If you have any comments or concerns regarding this guide, please feel free to contact me : Kimberly@PassingDownTheLove.com.

Come back and visit me at PassingDownTheLove.com soon!

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