

Do

send thank-you notes to all shower guests—even if you thanked them in person at the shower. And don't forget those who couldn't attend but did send a gift.



Don't

ask guests to address their own thank-you notes.

Do

send a thank-you note and a gift to anyone who hosts a shower for you.

Don't

coerce anyone—especially bridesmaids—to host a shower. It's a financial burden that many aren't able to take on.

Do

include registry information on a separate sheet in the envelope with the shower invitation, but not on the invitation itself. The theme of the shower (Kitchen, bath, lingerie) may be noted on the invitation, but color preferences or sizes should be noted on a separate insert.

Don't

invite anyone to a shower who won't be invited to the wedding. Showers are intimate gatherings for people you know very well—not excuses to haul in more gifts. The only exception is a workplace shower to which a large number of coworkers contribute. (If an office shower involves only a few coworkers, thoughtful couples will probably include these colleagues in the wedding guest list.)

