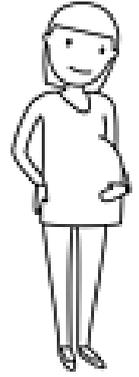




Planning a Baby Shower



8-10 weeks before

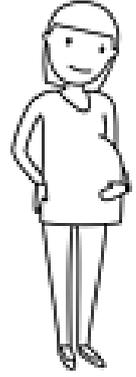
- The first step of the planning process should be discussing the date and time, venue and guest list with the mum-to-be.
- Saturday and Sunday are the most popular for baby showers, especially in the afternoon. Weekdays are ideal for office baby showers and local coffee parties.
- Are you going to host the shower at your house or at the home of mum-to-be? Maybe you would prefer to go out for your get together, but consider your budget
- Whatever the choice, the reason for getting everyone together doesn't change: celebrating the (impending) arrival of a beautiful new baby!
- Once you have decided to ask for donations to Tiny Tickers instead of gifts, contact fundraising@tinytickers.org so that we can support you all the way and let you have any materials you would like for your baby shower. We have balloons to help decorate your room; collecting tins for any spare change or sweepstakes; copies of our leaflets so your guests know just how important their support is to help Tiny Tickers improve the early detection and care of babies with serious heart conditions; and t-shirts for you to wear!

4-6 weeks before

- Send out your invitations, use the Tiny Tickers one or design your own!
- Plan the food and drink if you are hosting the shower in the comfort of someone's home. Ask friends and family for help if needed. Baby shower refreshments need not be elaborate. A simple buffet is easy to pull off, especially if everyone lends a hand. Don't forget to ask about food allergies or special dietary needs.
- Will you be having party games? If so you will need to prepare – ask guests to bring a photo of themselves as a baby and you can all guess who is who!
- Get photographs of baby animals and see if your guests know what they are called- did you know that a cute baby alpaca is called a cria? Or a baby ant is an antling!?
- On the day you can organise a sweepstake – how much will baby weigh? How long will it be? What date will it be born? What sex will it be? Guests pay £1 for a guess in each category and donate the proceedings to Tiny Tickers!



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1 -2 weeks before

- Ring round any guests who haven't RSVP'd so you know how many to cater for.
- Ring round everyone who has offered help with food and make sure they are organised
- Check you have enough crockery and cutlery and that everyone has somewhere to sit, with the most comfy chair reserved for the guest of honour

On the Day and day before

- Finish preparing food, plates, knives, forks and spoons, napkins.
- Decorate the room with your Tiny Tickers balloons and put out collecting tin and leaflets so your guests understand the importance of their support
- Put on your party frock or Tiny Tickers t-shirts, welcome your mum-to-be and her guests.
- Relax and have fun!!
- Baby showers usually wrap up after a few hours, but the memory of this occasion will last a lifetime for the mum-to-be.

