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SHOWER OF LOVE

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Step aside, lame party games and cheesy décor—today's bridal shower is a stylish soirée that'll impress the bride-to-be and your guests.





STYLING
VENUE & DRESSES: l'atelier couture

Bridal showers are the life. If you think to throw a classy, modern shower any bride in style.

HOST WITH THE MOST

The role of shower hostess typically falls to the maid of honor. However, it's common for bridesmaids to help by splitting costs and duties. While some still consider it a faux pas for the mother of the bride to host, rules have relaxed over the years. "Bridal showers have changed in the same way that weddings have changed," says Sarah Trotter, owner of Lasting Impressions Weddings in Minnetonka, who's seen everyone from bridesmaids to close friends, sisters and coworkers host a shower. In fact, many of them may have their chance, as the bride will likely have multiple showers.

MAKING THE CUT

Bridal shower invitees should include the bride's and groom's mother, grandmothers, sisters, bridal party and the bride's closest friends. Have the bride give you a list of whom she wants included. If the bride has a large family or social circle, Trotter encourages splitting them up among different showers. "They don't need to overlap invitees, but close women friends and family should be invited to at least one shower," she says. Anyone invited to a shower should also be on the wedding guest list.

Lately, grooms are getting in on the action via the couples shower. "These days, couples are approaching wedding planning as a team effort, so it only makes sense that showers would start to reflect that," says Stephanie Johnson, owner of Park Place Planning & Events in Edina. Note, showering the bride and groom doesn't mean it's a "couple-only" shower; make sure single friends get the invite, too. Couples showers also tend to be more casual, focusing on food and drink over traditional games and gift opening.

COME ON OVER

"Homes (of family or friends) are the go-to venue for showers," says

FACING PAGES: Pink champagne, lush blooms, delicious desserts and plenty of gold glitter—these are the makings of a super chic bridal shower.

