

Accessorize Those Bridal Shower Invitations

There was a time when a prospective bride was expected to send out very formal and boring shower invitations. The other choice was those "fill in your own information on the blank spaces" cards that came 10 to a pack. Now more and more brides to be are longing for creativity and uniqueness in their bridal shower invitations. Invitations that clearly broke the bank are not always the goal. Memorable is the sought after descriptor these days. If you subscribe to this way of thinking and strive to make your own [bridal shower invitations](#), then I can help give you a few pointers.

The first step is to brainstorm. Draw everything out on paper or do it on your computer, if you prefer. Picture your guests receiving your bridal shower invitations and how the invitations will be situated in their envelopes. Once you have decided upon your favorite idea or ideas, write down all the supplies you will need. Then think through how much it will cost to send the invitations. I have thrown out many a great idea when I discovered it would be too labor intensive or expensive. Work on the wording of your invitation once you decide on the winning idea. Do this before you buy the materials, so you know what size paper you will need and how much room for embellishment you will have.

You can order or purchase all the materials after you have a firm design concept. Do not try to save costs by getting envelopes that do not match the invitations. Your bridal shower invitations themselves do not have to be color coordinated with your envelopes, but they need to be of equal card stock and fashion. If you are going to handwrite the invitation message, a set of specialty calligraphy pens will be invaluable. If your handwriting is not invitation worthy, you can rely on stencils for the message portion of your invitation. There are people who will provide their fancy handwriting for your bridal shower invitations for a small fee. Finally, you should always remember that invitations with bells and whistles always tickle the fancy of even the toughest shower guest. If you are doing something completely out of the box, you probably already have the frills covered. People love ribbons, bows and glittery things that fly out when they open their bridal shower invitations. Give them something pretty.

I will close by saying that, if anywhere in this process, you decide it is too frustrating or you do not have time to have a regular job and make bridal shower invitations, abandon ship for the sake of your sanity. It is completely respectable to have your invitations outsourced. There are incredible companies and small boutiques online and on main street that exist because they provide cool and distinctive bridal shower invitations that will wow your guests. Have fun and chill. A stressed out bride is a bummer.

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