

Friends can arrange flowers for a surprise baby shower by dividing the work, choosing a simple design, and preparing the arrangements away from the guest of honor. Low centerpieces, a limited color palette, and a clear delivery plan keep the work manageable and the tables comfortable for guests.

Plan the flowers together

Ask one friend to coordinate the group and confirm the party location, table count, setup time, and arrival time of the guest of honor. Check with the host before buying flowers, since the room may already have decorations or limited table space. Agree on a budget for the group and decide who will buy supplies.

Choose two or three colors that suit the shower decorations. White flowers with soft green foliage are easy to combine, while yellow, peach, or lavender can add color without depending on a particular theme. Use flowers that are available and look fresh, rather than relying on one exact variety.

Check for known allergies or scent sensitivities before making the selection. If strong fragrance is a concern, choose flowers with little scent and avoid placing arrangements close to the guest of honor's seat.

Prepare simple arrangements

Gather at a home or another private place where the guest of honor will not see the flowers. Give each friend a task: one can clean stems, another can prepare containers, and others can assemble the arrangements. This makes it easier to produce a consistent set without crowding around one table.

- Use clean, stable containers that fit the tables. Small jars or low vases work well.
- Fill each container with fresh water. Remove leaves that would sit below the waterline.

- Cut stems to different lengths and place a few pieces of foliage around the edge.
- Add the largest flowers first, then fill gaps with smaller blooms.
- Check each arrangement from all sides and keep it low enough for guests to see across the table.

Make one centerpiece first and use it as a guide for the others. They do not need to match exactly, but similar heights and colors will make them look like a group. Keep cut flowers in a cool place away from direct sun until it is time to move them.

Set up without spoiling the surprise

Assign one friend to transport the flowers and another to meet them at the venue. Place containers upright in a sturdy box, with towels around them to limit movement. Bring extra water and a towel for spills. If the trip is long or the containers are unstable, transport the flowers separately and add water at the venue.

Set the arrangements out before guests arrive, leaving room for food, gifts, and place settings. Keep flowers away from open flames and check that no stems or water are in the way of plates and glasses. Give the host a quick update once setup is complete, using a private message or another agreed method.

After the shower, friends can offer the arrangements to guests or help the host clear them away.

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