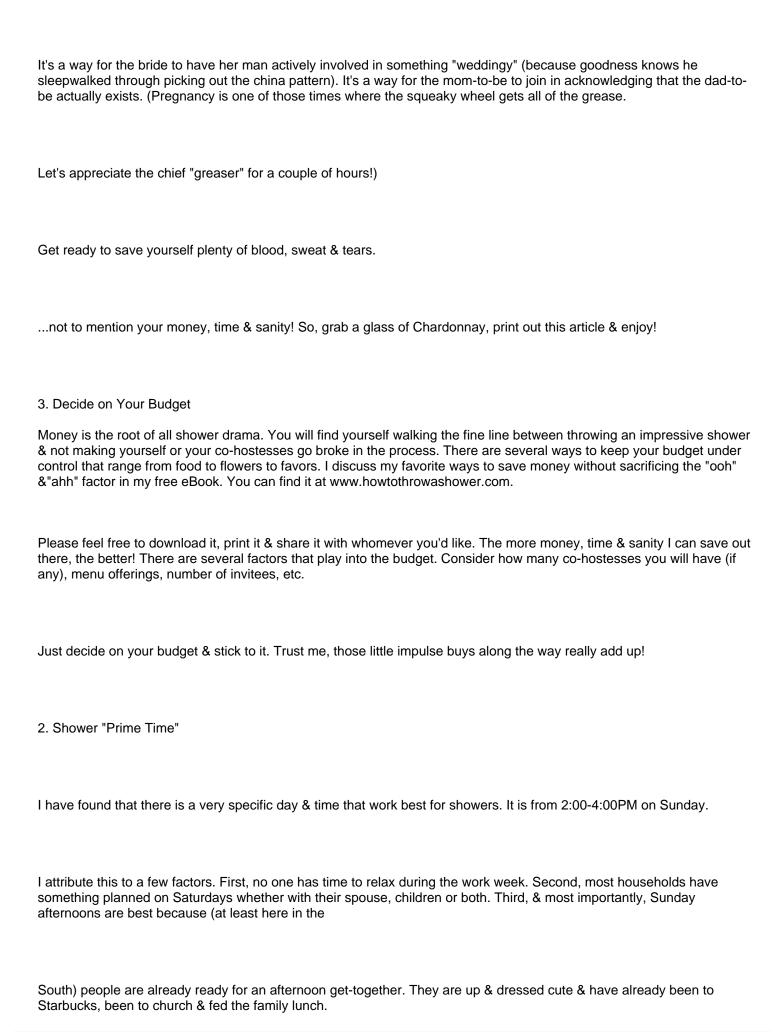
## How to Throw a Shower That Will Have Even the GUYS Talking

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Frankly, they're probably ready to drop any kids off with a sitter for a nice two-hour break from whatever their week has been full of.
An added bonus is a high-quality, low-cost menu. Your guests have usually eaten lunch by 2:00, so you don't have to offer heavy, main course-ish food. You can focus on quality instead of quantity & knock their socks off!
Let's pause here for a second: Co-ed showers are the one exception to this due to their lack of pretense (at least the ones I throw). Typically, the "girly" showers require more elegant, chi-chi food. In contrast, men have a hard time faking a smile while choking that stuff down.
What does this mean for you? You can feel free to throw Shower Prime Time out the window & have a full-blown dinner if you choose your menu wisely. My eBook shares a few of my favorite couple shower themes & their corresponding menus. I have always stayed within budget & no one has ever gone home hungry! It is up to you (or the honorees).
Just one more advantage to having picked a couple shower.
Good choice!
1. Theme, Theme!
Pick a theme & go BIG! Don't be scared, girls! Themes set a mood & even guys will get into the spirit (as long you feed them something more than tea sandwiches & petit fours).
I'm a fan of themes for a few reasons. Like I mentioned, they set the mood as soon as your guests walk in. It puts everyone in a festive state of mind.
Second, do you really want to be the bridesmaid who throws the shower with white stuff & all those doves & bells everywhere? I'll answer that for you"No, I don't! I have at least an ounce of personality & originality somewhere inside me & I'd hate to be the proponent of such a tired cliché!"

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maybe even something that they won't be ashamed to put on their own kitchen table for awhile.

Third, your centerpiece can easily double as a gift for the honoree because, in these cases, it will actually be cute &

And finally, if you aren't already waving your white flag of surrender, themed showers show that you care. You clearly won't put forth the effort to throw a shower for someone unless you care about them very deeply. As my Mom always says: "The more effort you put forth for someone, the more they know you care.". Themed showers are no exception.

You can search for theme ideas on the internet, ask your friends what themes they have enjoyed or buy a "Bridal Shower Themes" book. Another option is on my website:

www.howtothrowashower.com. My free eBook includes my favorite themes as well as details on the corresponding decorations & menu planning.

There you have it. A few tidbits out of my twenty-five years of mistakes & triumphs all wrapped up into a nice, neat article.

Keep your eyes peeled for the latest additions to the website. In the meantime, visit www.helloworld.com/howtothrowashower for photos & videos of what we talked about in this article & my book & oh-so-much more!

And remember, the difference between ordinary & extraordinary is that "little extra"!

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Stop by http://www.howtothrowashower.com to download my free 50-page book, see photos & videos & much more! I'll share how to take the overwhelming task of planning & hosting a shower & turn it into a fun, stress-free event you'll all look back on & smile about.

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