A simple gift bingo plan for a baby shower

Set up a gentle gift-opening game with clear marking rules, a host checklist and printable cards.

20 minutes | 6 guests for the sample cards; customize for the actual guest count

Who this is for

Adult event hosts and guests. The host has checked that the printed gift list suits the event and that the guest of honour wants to play.

Prepare

Six sample gift-bingo cards, pencils and the host checklist. If gift opening is not part of the event, choose another activity.

1. Prepare before guests arrive | 5 minutes

Preview the six different sample cards. For more guests, use the maker to create the actual quantity. Give one card to each player and mark the free centre.

2. Agree on matching | 3 minutes

Decide before starting which gift descriptions count as a match. Keep the rule consistent. Guests can watch without playing.

3. Open gifts and mark | 9 minutes

When a gift is opened, the host announces a matching printed item, if there is one. Players mark that item. Do not promise that every printed item will appear.

4. Check and close | 3 minutes

Five in a row horizontally, vertically or diagonally wins a round. Check the line against the opened gifts. Allow joint winners and end when the agreed time is reached.

Questions, options and checking

What this practises

Prepare an easy shared activity around a gift-opening session

Questions to ask

How many guests need a card? / Who will announce matching items? / What will we do if two guests finish together?

Offer more support

Keep the game optional. Read item names aloud and offer a larger single-card print layout in the maker.

Extend the activity

For an event without gift opening, use the baby-word list for a caller-led round instead. Print its caller checklist and explain the changed rules.

Answers and checking

The host chooses these settings before play. Sample cards use the gift list; mark items actually opened. Gift bingo has no caller sheet. The alternate baby-word game uses a separate caller checklist.

Limits and care

The sample has six cards and no guarantee of a winning line. Different arrangements can still finish together. This guide does not recommend collecting money or running a paid contest.

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Host checklist and decisions

Name (optional): _____ Date: _____

Guest count and number of cards:

Matching rule and announcer:

Round duration and stop point:

Tie rule:

Optional alternative if gifts are not opened: