



HOLY CRAP,
WE'RE HAVING A BABY
PARTY



A non-alcoholic cocktail to celebrate the baby on the way.
(Booze optional.)

4 pounds seedless watermelon
(about half a large melon)
1 cup sugar
4 ounces fresh basil, plus extra for garnish
8 cups water
6 limes, juiced



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Serve over ice. Garnish with a sprig of basil.

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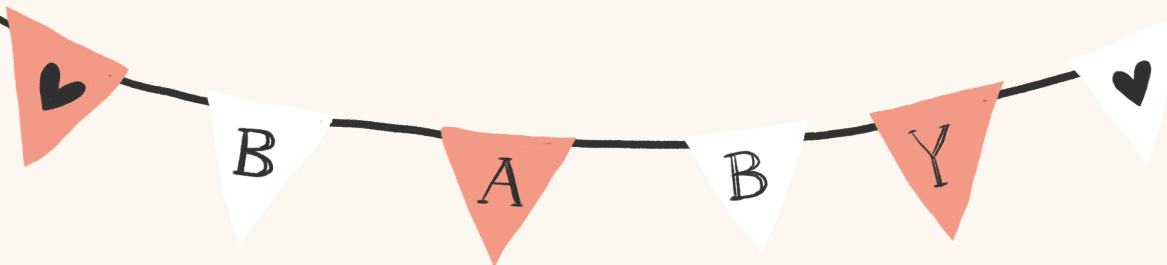
*Spiked version not intended for the mama-to-be.



WHAT NOT TO DO

AT A BABY SHOWER

- ☐ Don't require advance homework for guests. Buying a gift is work enough.
- ☐ Don't make it a surprise. Surprises are not a good idea in late pregnancy.
- ☐ Don't share pregnancy, childbirth, or parenting horror stories. Really, none. Seriously, cut it out.
- ☐ No jokes, gifts, cards, or games that point out how giant the mom is.
- ☐ No games involving poop, even if it's really chocolate. They've got enough crap in their future.
- ☐ Don't play "pin the" anything "on" anything.
- ☐ No anatomical cakes. Do not defile the wonder that is cake. It may be the only thing that brings the mom comfort right now.
- ☐ No edible babies of any sort.
- ☐ Nothing that humiliates the mom. Right now her life is 37% humiliation, with more to come.
- ☐ Nothing that involves toilet paper. Why?
- ☐ No one should end up wearing a diaper, real or fabricated, except for guests under 3.
- ☐ No charades. That won't end well.
- ☐ Don't give baby clothes that need to be dry cleaned, hand washed, or washed in cold water. Yeah, those'll get worn.
- ☐ Don't dress the dad up as a baby. The mom will never want to have sex with him again.
- ☐ Never use the phrase "advanced maternal age."



OUR PRECIOUS POOPER GAME

Directions for the game:

1. Print and cut out *Our Precious Pooper* prompts. Each person playing should have his or her own separate prompt.
2. Each player answers his or her own prompt on the given piece of paper.
3. Have one designated person read all the prompts out loud. Laughter ensues.

Other ideas:

- Pin up the filled-out responses on a clothesline
- Guess who wrote what
- Scrapbook responses



What's the most hilarious pregnancy or early parenting story you've heard?



Which absurdly expensive, useless, and hideous baby item have you seen?



What were your strangest food cravings?



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What embarrassing and/or inappropriate things have your children said in public?

Describe your most awkward exit from a public place:



What ways did you amuse yourself during middle-of-the night feedings?



What lies you did you tell your child about food, or did your parents tell you about food?



What's the most helpful and/or the silliest parenting tip you've heard?



Describe your biggest travel disaster:



MOM-TO-BE CHAIR SIGN

