Baby Name Suggestions Card — Free Printable

A baby name suggestions card is different from a name-guessing game (that's our separate Baby Name Game printable, where guests try to guess a name from clues). This card does the opposite: it invites each guest to suggest a name of their own, with a line for why they chose it — a keepsake the parents-to-be can actually read back later, not a game with a right or wrong answer.

How to use it at the shower

Leave a small stack on each table, or hand one to every guest as they arrive. Ask for one first name idea (or a middle name, if the parents already have a first name picked) and a short reason — a family connection, a favourite book or film character, or just a name they've always loved. Collect them in a bowl or box during the party rather than asking guests to hand them straight to the parents, so the reveal can happen later, away from the room.

Making it a proper keepsake

Once the shower's over, the completed cards work well kept together in a small box or ring binder alongside other mementos — some parents read through them again once the baby actually arrives and the name is chosen, to see who (if anyone) suggested it first. A few hosts also use the best or funniest suggestions as part of a thank-you speech or card.

Frequently Asked Questions

How is this different from the Baby Name Game?

The Baby Name Game is a guessing game with a correct answer — guests try to work out a name from clues, usually for a prize. This card has no game or winner; it's simply a space for each guest to suggest a name they like, as a keepsake.

Do the parents have to use any of the suggestions?

No — most parents already have names in mind and treat the cards purely as a fun keepsake rather than a genuine shortlist. A few do pick up a name they hadn't considered, but there's no expectation either way.

Can I use this if the parents already know the baby's name?

Yes — ask for middle-name suggestions instead, or simply ask guests to write a name they associate with happy memories as a nice-to-read keepsake rather than a real decision.

How many cards do I need?

Print one per guest, plus a handful of spares — some guests like to fill in more than one suggestion if they're torn between a couple of names.

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