

and ask what each person wants to help with instead of assigning duties. Remind guests that the shower is an all ages affair, and while something tongue-in-cheek will probably go over okay, avoid anything outright naughty.

Having some type of food is a must, whether it's inspired by breakfast for dinner or dessert. Consider making some of the main dishes and then supplement it with catering additions, or have other guests

state. Following traditional Islamic customs, the bride and groom share fruit of the date palm. Since this is a small get-together with just immediate family and close friends, this usually adds up to 50-70 people. In order to make things a little easier, you can have the pulao ordered from a caterer. But this is essentially your mother's event. She has dreamt of her baby girl's big day since the day she held you for the first time. This is when she will

## MEHENDI

A gathering only for the women folk this is an evening dedicated to wearing, decorating the hands with henna, listening and dancing to the Bollywood classic (read: cheesy) wedding



contribute as a potluck.

As long as the party doesn't cover all of dinnertime light snacks or hors d'oeuvres or a continental array of pastries, fruit and coffee are plenty. Just let guests know on the invite so they're prepared.

## 'I DO' – THE AKHT

In Bangladesh, the Akht is not only a religious matter but also serves as a legal declaration of marriage recognised by the

be making her signature dishes, welcoming the son in law and his wedding entourage.

Since this should ideally take place at home and is also for a smaller guest list, dessert items can also come in a lot of varieties. Consider having sweetened rice cakes, homemade kheer or just about anything to satiate the sweet-tooth after a hearty yet simple meal.

songs. As the guest list is small, home-cooked meal is again an option here. Keep it casual with khichuri, beef bhuna, begun achari and perhaps a special fish curry, and you're all set!

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