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## bohemian baby shower

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If you were to ask Dr. Latoya Carstarphen what it takes to plan a super chic outdoor bohemian themed baby shower, she will unequivocally tell you to hire an expert. "You will probably spend more money trying to figure things out on your own," she cautions.

Knowing how she wanted her day to look and feel, Latoya chose Joanna Sheppard and Valia Rose of Valia Rose Events to plan her baby shower and name reveal party. Using the baby's bohemian inspired nursery as inspiration for the baby shower theme, the two expanded the nursery room color palette with pops of turquoise, ivory, blush pink, tan and gold.

Party guests were seated at a dreamy estate table complemented by hanging florals and Edison bulbs strung overhead and proteas served as the focal point for the large foliage and floral arrangements contained in garden style urns.

completing the tablescape. Stacks of wooden pallets serving as freeform tables, macrame and varied tableware were also used as foundational pieces for the theme.

Latoya was radiant in a light, flowy, off the shoulder maxi dress as she teased guests for not being able to guess the baby's name despite the custom puzzles created to help them figure it out. "I called time and just told them," she laughs.

As the evening fell and lights twinkled all over the backyard, guests with hearts full of well wishes for the new life making her way to the world, fellowshipped with one another as they wove dream catchers to keep as a reminder of the heartfelt celebration. Declaring the experience, perfect, Latoya jokes that she is already planning her daughter's first birthday party. Story by Nkechi Afiesimama

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