

Snooki Announces She's Having a Boy



✘ An excited six-months-pregnant Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi officially announced this week that she and fiancé, Jionni LaValle, will be having a baby boy, according to UsMagazine.com. The *Jersey Shore* star was thrilled to share her good news, having said in the past, “If it’s a boy, I would dress him like Pauly D.” The newly engaged couple have a lot to look forward to between marriage and parenthood. Choosing not to live in the Jersey Shore house for Season 6 is one of many preparations they will have to make before their first child arrives.

How do you prepare for having a son versus a daughter?

Cupid’s Advice:

Whether or not a couple chooses to know the gender of their unborn child is entirely up to them. Some prefer the surprise, while most of the time, people find it easier to prepare for the baby if they know they are expecting a boy or girl. If the doctor tells you those fateful words, “It’s a boy,” here are some things to keep in mind:

1. Blue, blue, blue: You may or may not have been secretly envisioning pretty pink bows and dresses, but tuck those ideas away for the meantime and get ready to see a lot of blue. Luckily, there are plenty of other boy-friendly colors, such as green, yellow, and gray, but those bright pinks and purples are probably out for now.

2. Barbie won't make the cut: You may still have your doll house from when you were a little girl, but unfortunately that's probably not going to be of much interest to a growing baby boy. Toys are relatively universal up to the first year or two, but after that, anything that has wheels or goes fast will be in your son's hands at all times.

3. Father-son bonding: The relationship between father and son is certainly a special one. Every man fantasizes of their first catch together or teaching his little guy to ride a bike. Boys will always be boys, but don't feel like you can't join in on the fun. The rough facade won't be on all the time, and your son will need and want his [mommy](#) time just as much.

What major effects has gender had on your new-baby preparations? Share your experiences below.