

Send flowers to a coworker who has adopted a child by choosing a convenient delivery location, a simple arrangement, and a card that welcomes the child without prying into family details. Check that the coworker is comfortable receiving a gift, especially if the adoption has not been shared widely or the family is settling into a new routine.

Choose a thoughtful delivery plan

Start with what you know about the coworker's preferences. Some people enjoy a public celebration at work, while others would rather keep family news private. A quiet message asking if they would welcome flowers gives them a choice without requiring them to explain their circumstances.

If they are away from work, ask where and when a delivery would be convenient. Do not assume that their home address is yours to use, even if it appears in a workplace directory. A family may be busy with appointments, travel, or time together, and a surprise delivery can be one more thing to manage.

An office delivery can work if the coworker is present and happy to receive it there. If the flowers are from a group, collect contributions discreetly and let people opt in. A shared gift can feel generous without putting pressure on any one colleague to take part.

Pick flowers that are easy to enjoy

Choose a modest arrangement in a container, so the recipient does not need to find a vase or arrange stems on a busy day. A florist can suggest flowers that suit the season and the recipient's taste if you know it. Soft colors or a mix of bright blooms can both be fitting; there is no flower color required for an adoption.

Consider scent and household needs before ordering. Strong fragrance may bother some people, so you can request a lightly scented arrangement. If the family has pets, tell the florist what animals live in the home and ask for flowers and foliage that are safe for them. Lilies, for example, are especially dangerous to cats.

Skip extras that add work or make assumptions about the child's age. A simple bouquet and a card are enough to mark the occasion, whether the child is a baby or older.

Send a warm, respectful message

The card can celebrate the family without asking about the adoption process or sharing information the coworker has not made public. Keep the focus on their good news rather than describing the child as lucky or speculating about their past.

1. **Confirm the plan.** Ask the coworker, or a colleague who knows their wishes, if flowers and the proposed delivery location are welcome.
2. **Order the arrangement.** Give the florist the agreed delivery details and mention any scent or pet concerns.
3. **Write the card.** Try: “Congratulations on welcoming your child to your family. Wishing you all a lovely time together.”
4. **Sign clearly.** Include your name or the names of the people contributing, so the recipient knows whom to thank if they choose to.

A small, considerate gesture lets your coworker know you are thinking of their family while leaving them room to enjoy this time in their own way.

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