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Extravagant Gifts for Mom & Baby

Baby showers are always fun and filled with the items a new family needs for an expected tike. But wouldn't it be fun, for example, to add in some extraordinary items along with the requisite onesies and diapering supplies?

We sorted through the newest and most sought-after products for both mom and babe. Forget the bibs, bottles and everyday essentials, these mom-tested, baby-approved gift ideas are all about giving mom and baby the best of this special time.

New moms will love these stylish but practical options!

CELEBRATING MOM

Support Your Sisters

Give a gift that keeps on giving, like this adorable pirate pillow (pictured) which through fairtrade wages, helps indigenous women in Bolivia gain healthcare for themselves and their children, \$68 at Oeufnyc.com. Or choose a fashion-inspired t-shirt (pictured) from Project Iris, which provides meals for mothers and young children in the developing world, \$43 at ProjectIrisClothing.com.



Nursing Niceties

Nurse anywhere in fashionable nursing covers in designer fabrics and that include pockets and other mother's helpers from BalboaBaby (pictured), BeBe Au Lait or Planet Wise, from \$25 at Amazon.com.

Creature Comforts

The yummy Toffee Apple loungewear (pictured) from award-winning CakeLingerie.com is made to go from prenatal pampering to late-night nursing with comfortable, stretch modal fabrics that accommodate your pregnancy and postpartum recovery. The nursing camisole, \$55, and pants, \$55, are available at CakeLingerie.com. Or slip into the soft cotton of the Cami Sutra nursing cami from Melinda G, \$49 at TitleNine.com. Earth mamas love the Organic Pumpease hands-free nursing bra, \$42 at Snugabell.com.

Justified Jewels

The end of pregnancy doesn't have to mean the end of jewelry; give mommy and kid-safe jewels, like the non-toxic Noursh Necklace (pictured) from \$22 at Mommynecklaces.com, or baby-safe Teething Bling from \$20 at SmartMomJewelry.com



Bag It

Just because you're pregnant doesn't mean you have to check your style at the office door. The Cosmo bag (pictured) from AmyMichelle.com, \$99, can hold a laptop and features 5 pockets for office organization along with internal pockets for baby's gear too. Boho moms love the iKat Hobo bags from ioibabybags.com, \$169, or go green with the PVC-free Rachel bag from Timiandleslie.com, \$159 at Amazon.com.



Skintastic

Reviewers rave that the all-natural body care washes for both mom and baby from Marlee and Noah smell as absolutely edible as their Vanilla Pineapple scents imply, from \$18 at MarleeandNoah.com. Respond to the changes in your stretching skin with Basq's 9 Month Stretch pack (pictured), which includes their essential body butter, sugar body polish and resilient body oil, \$54 at basqnyc.com, or try Earth Mama Body Butter, \$11 at earthmamaangelbaby.com.

MAMA ON THE MOVE

Hydration Helpers

Keep thirst at bay with a full line of eco-friendly and toxic-free silicone-protected glass bottles (pictured) from Life Factory, from \$12 at Amazon.com. Prefer stainless steel? Check out the innovative Organic Kidz line that features various spouts and handles to grow with baby, from \$17 at Amazon.com, or the 2-in-1 Safe Sippy that goes from bottle to straw (pictured far right) from Kid Basix, from \$19 at Amazon.com.



In the Know on the Go

Whether you're at home or away, monitoring baby's movements have never been easier with Lorex's Live Connect monitors, which interface via WiFi with the in-home receiver as well as your smartphone, tablet or laptop via Skype. Rechargeable and with night vision, you can also snap and store pictures or videos with built-in microSD recording, \$299 at LorexTechnology.com. For video plus lullabies and a nightlight, try Philips Avent's Digital Video Monitor, \$219 at Amazon.com.

Cruising Comfort

Trick out baby's ride with a memory foam pad (pictured) that reduces pressure points and softens shocks while providing firm support from Tivoli Couture, \$79 at Amazon.com. Keep baby napping and out of direct sunlight with a Snooze Shade, a breathable UPF 50+ shade that fits most strollers, from \$35 at Amazon.com.

Baby It's Cold Outside

Don't let winter slow you down; wrap your babe in the soft baby carrier from Kowalli (pictured) that also pairs with matching hats and booties, \$69 at Amazon.com. Strap on a whimsical animal winter hat, \$20 at OneStepAhead.com and versatile insulated booties from Stonzwear.com, \$40, and baby's ready to face the great outdoors.

Stroll in Style

Whether two-wheeling in the shopping zone or roughing it over rocky terrain, the Vista stroller (pictured) from UppaBaby is a top mom pick for its lightweight aluminum frame, easy fold and bassinet to toddler serviceability, from \$595 at Amazon.com. Jogging? Check out the versatile and popular Baby Jogger Summit, which features a convenient one-hand quick folding system, from \$399 at Amazon.com.



BABY BUNDLES

Good Grooming

Baby will never fear a nail trim with a little duck kissing his fingers. Japonesque Duck Nail Clipper (pictured) brings on the giggles, \$15 at Drugstore.com. Toothbrushing is fun with the Original Baby Banna Brush, the soft, bendable and non-toxic toothbrush, \$9 at Amazon.com.



Safe Swaddling

We can't resist the nurse-designed safer swaddler Woombie (pictured), which snuggles your little one in stretchy bliss for natural movement and comfort, from \$25 at Amazon.com. Parents also love Halo's SleepSack wearable blanket, from \$25 at Amazon.com, and swaddling blankets that include instructions on the binding from SwaddleDesigns, from \$15 at Amazon.com.



Better Bathing

Save your back and keep your baby closer in the Puj tub (pictured) designed to snuggle into your sink, \$40 at Amazon.com. Add colorful rubber duckies (pictured) from Boon and suds from natural skincare maker Episcencial, and *voilà!* splash fest! From \$10 at Amazon.com



NICEST NURSERY

Log Every Inch

They grow so fast; keep track of their budding height with fun Wall Pops growth charts that stick wherever you place them, \$21 at Amazon.com.



Playtime!

Every nursery needs colorful toys that invite a baby's imagination to reach out, grasp, listen to new sounds and explore odd shapes. All of that and more is in Melissa and Doug's High Sea Symphony (pictured), \$30 at Amazon.com. Smaller fingers can grasp the wiggly legs of the latest enviro-friendly craze, Anamalz (also pictured) and help save the planet in the process through this company's foundation, Anamalz Saving Animals, from \$5 up at Amazon.com.

Sitting Pretty

Need a hands-free place to sit and interact with baby? Try Boppy's Newborn Lounger (pictured), which is safe for newborns and preemies as it snuggles their bottom in a slight indentation, \$30 at Amazon.com. Or make almost any place a safe place to sit with the Sit Seat Baby Travel Harness, \$40 at OneStepAhead.com.



Tidy Tykes

Keeping toys corralled is fun with a vibrant and colorful toybox sized for the earliest cruisers. Alphabet Toy Box Bench (pictured) from Cocolo, \$190 at OneStepAhead.com. Need a neat way to stack books and stash blocks? Do double-organizing duty with the Sling Bookshelf with Storage Bench, \$80 at OneStepAhead.com.



Sweet Dreams

Every baby needs a nightlight and a perfect place to sleep. Ensure your nursery is just the right temperature with the GroEgg digital thermometer, which glows blue when it's too cool and moves to red when it's too warm, \$30 at Amazon.com. For a changing color show that makes babies smile, try the Mobi Tykelight Wallmate, \$13 at Amazon.com. Or go fully solar-powered with SolPal's nightlights, \$30 at Amazon.com.

