

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.

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 Oeufly.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.

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 Nourish Necklace (pictured) from \$22 at Mommynecklaces.com, or baby-safe Teething Bling from \$20 at SmartMomJewelry.com.

New moms will love these stylish but practical options!



Bag It

Just because you're pregnant doesn't mean you have to check your style at the office door. From the Cosmo bag (pictured) from AnyMichelle.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 ohbabypurses.com, \$169, or go green with the PVC-free Rachel bag from 1michaleisle.com, \$159 at Amazon.com.



Skintastic

Reviewers rave that the all-natural body care washes for both mom and baby from Mariee and Noah smell as well as absolutely edible as their Vanilla Pineapple scents imply, from \$18 at MarieeandNoah.com. Respond to the changes in your stretching skin with Baseo's 9 Month Stretch pack (pictured), which includes their essential body butter, sugar body polish and resilient body oil, \$54 at baseoyny.com, or try Earth Mama Body Butter, \$11 at earthmamababy.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 Kowall (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 Stanzwear.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 \$395 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.

Nursing Niceties

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

Creature Comforts

The yummy Toffee Apple loungewear (pictured) from award-winning CokeLingerie.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 CokeLingerie.com. Or slip into the soft cotton of the Cami Sutra nursing bra, from Melinda G, \$49 at TribuNine.com. Earth mamas love the Organic Pumpsease hands-free nursing bra, \$42 at Snuggabell.com.