

baby room

By the time your baby takes up residence in your home, he or she has just left the coziest accommodation imaginable. Recreate a soft, snuggly nest with these must-haves.

must-haves

- crib
- crib mattress
- mattress pads (2)
- waterproof crib pad
- fitted crib sheets (3-4)
- crib bedding set
- blankets (3-4)
- dresser or armoire
- changing table
- baby monitor
- hangers
- organizer baskets
- glider or rocker
- nursing pillow
- lamp with low-watt bulb
- mobile
- hamper

nice-to-haves

- bassinet
- fitted bassinet sheets (2)
- ottoman for glider or rocker
- bumper pad
- changing pad covers (3-4)
- wipe warmer
- diaper disposable system
- diaper disposable refills
- night-light
- CD/cassette player
- lullaby CDs/tapes
- clock

baby wear

Well-dressed babies agree: It's about softness. Start with a diaper, layer on a body suit, pull on some pants, and accessorize with a hat and socks. Style starts now.

must-haves

- bodysuits (7-8)
- gowns (5-7)
- sleep 'n' plays (3-4)
- booties/socks (4-5 pair)
- caps (2-3)
- receiving blankets (3-6)
- seasonal outerwear
- clothing the next size up

nice-to-haves

- coming home outfit
- T-shirts (6)
- play outfits (8)
- dress-up outfits
- sweaters (1-3)
- mittens (2-3 pair)
- hangers

baby gear

For not walking yet, babies sure get around a lot. Find the gear you need to drive, stroll, or carry them places, plus items to keep them entertained once you get there.

must-haves

- infant or convertible car seats
- car shade
- diaper bag
- stroller or travel system
- infant carrier or sling
- umbrella stroller
- play yard
- swing
- highchair

nice-to-haves

- lightweight jogging stroller
- bouncy chair

baby toys

When learning to roll, reach, walk and talk are on the agenda, every day is a discovery. Blast off with toys that teach motor skills, mind skills and make parents even prouder.

must-haves

- activity mat
- bouncer
- activity gym
- teething toys
- favorite toy for changing table

nice-to-haves

- activity toys
- on-the-go toys for stroller and car seat
- bath toys
- activity center/baby gym
- swing
- jumper
- soft or board books
- puppets

baby care

All the things you need to make sure your little bundle of joy keeps getting bigger and bigger, plus bath supplies that put new meaning in the word “splash.”

must-haves

- bottles (5-8)
- bottle warmer
- bottle brush
- dishwasher basket
- extra nipples
- pacifiers (3-5)
- breast pump
- nursing accessories (pads, cream, storage bags)
- bibs (4-5)
- burp cloths (a dozen)
- diapers/wipes
- diaper rash cream
- infant bathtub
- baby shampoo and wash
- baby washcloths (2-3)
- hooded baby towels or robes (2-3)
- grooming kit
- thermometer

nice-to-haves

- diaper pail/disposable system
- medicine dropper
- teething gel
- protective mittens

mom-to-be

Your life is changing, and so is your figure. Get the things you need to be comfy, stylish and, most of all, prepared to take on the job of a lifetime.

must-haves

- prenatal vitamins
- maternity wear
- books on pregnancy and childbirth
- activewear/sneakers

nice-to-haves

- soothing milk bath and lotion
- foot/back massager
- body pillow
- pregnancy journal
- bath gel or bubble bath
- exercise equipment