The baby registry list & checklist

Everything you need for the first months, with the top-scoring pick and the best-value pick for each. Tick things off as you go: your checklist saves in this browser.

Must-have for the first weeks · Nice to have helpful, not essential · Later needed around 4 to 12 months · Often skipped many parents say they didn't need it. What a newborn actually needs · What parents regret buying · Postpartum recovery checklist (for you)

Sleep

☐ Bassinet	Nice to have	88	Newton bassinet Top score · About $299	74	Dream on Me Karley Best value · About $75
☐ Crib mattress	Must-have	87	Emily organic mattress Top score · About $299	81	Babyletto Pure Core Best value · About $199
☐ Crib	Must-have	86	Babyletto Yuzu Top score · Premium	84	Carter's by DaVinci Colby Best value · About $249
☐ Crib sheets 2-3	Must-have	87	Burt's Bees crib sheet Top score · $15-25		
☐ Swaddles or sleep sacks 3-4	Must-have	84	HALO SleepSack Swaddle Top score · About $35	82	Burt's Bees Beekeeper Best value · About $25
☐ Sound machine	Nice to have	87	Yogasleep Dohm Top score · About $50	82	Momcozy portable sound ma... Best value · About $25
☐ Baby monitor	Nice to have	84	Infant Optics DXR-8 PRO Top score · About $199	83	VTech VM819 Best value · About $60
☐ Travel crib or play yard	Nice to have	87	Newton travel crib Top score · Mid-range	82	Graco Pack 'n Play Best value · About $65-75

On the go

☐ Infant car seat	Must-have	85	Nuna PIPA rx Top score · About $550	76	Joie Rue Best value · About $170
☐ Stroller	Must-have	83	Mockingbird 3.0 Top score · Mid-range		
☐ Baby carrier	Must-have	80	Tula toddler carrier Top score · About $179	74	Infantino Flip 4-in-1 Best value · About $30
☐ Diaper bag	Must-have	78	Itzy Ritzy Boss Plus Top score · Premium	73	Miss Fong bag Best value · About $50
☐ Wrap or sling	Nice to have	84	Nalakai ring sling Top score · About $90	78	KeaBabies wrap Best value · About $30-33
☐ Travel stroller	Nice to have	80	Ergobaby Metro+ Top score · Mid-range		
☐ Convertible car seat	Later	84	Chicco OneFit LX ClearTex Top score · About $330	82	Graco Extend2Fit Best value · About $240

Feeding

☐ Bottles 2 + a formula backup	Must-have	85	Pigeon coated glass bottle Top score · About $42 for 2	78	Avent Anti-Colic AirFree Best value · About $8
☐ Burp cloths 10+	Must-have	86	Gerber prefolds Top score · About $15 for 10		

Breast pump	Must-have	89	Spectra S1 Top score · Varies			
Nursing pillow	Nice to have	84	Boppy Nursing Pillow Top score · Varies	78	Momcozy nursing pillow Best value · Budget
Bottle washer	Nice to have	80	Papablic SafeguardPlus Top score · About $299	74	Munchkin Steam Guard Best value · Under $20
Bottle warmer	Often skipped	81	First Years Gentle Warmth Top score · About $30		
High chair	Later	82	Abiie Beyond Top score · About $238	77	IKEA Antilop Best value · About $19
Suction bowl or plate 1-2	Later	86	Bumkins Grip Dish Top score · About $9		
Baby spoons 2-3	Later	86	WeeSprout spoons Top score · About $10 for 3		
Sippy or straw cup 1-2	Later	84	Pura Kiki sippy Top score · About $40	77	Munchkin Gentle Transition Best value · About $7

Diapering

Diapers	Must-have	84	Parasol diapers Top score · About $0.40 per diaper	74	Huggies Snug & Dry Best value · About $0.26 per diaper
Wipes	Must-have	86	WaterWipes Top score · About 4-6¢ per wipe	84	Kirkland wipes Best value · Under 3¢ per wipe
Diaper cream	Must-have	87	Triple Paste Top score · About $10	82	Aquaphor 3-in-1 Best value · About $8
Changing pad	Must-have	80	Skip Hop Pronto Top score · About $30		
Diaper pail	Nice to have	78	Munchkin STEP pail Top score · About $60	73	Dekor EKO Best value · About $40

Bath, health and comfort

Baby wash	Must-have	84	Pipette Shampoo + Wash Top score · Budget	82	ATTITUDE 2-in-1 Best value · Budget
Baby tub	Must-have	81	Skip Hop Moby 3-Stage Top score · About $50-65	78	First Years Sure Comfort Best value · About $20
Thermometer	Must-have	87	Frida Quick Read Rectal Top score · About $14-16	86	Vicks SpeedRead Best value · About $15
Nasal aspirator	Must-have	88	NoseFrida SnotSucker Top score · About $20	85	Haakaa silicone bulb Best value · About $11
Nail file or trimmer	Must-have	83	haakaa nail set Top score · About $19	82	NailFrida files Best value · About $6
Lotion or balm	Nice to have	85	Honest Organic Balm Top score · Premium	80	Aveeno Baby Daily Best value · Budget
Pacifiers 2-3	Nice to have	89	Avent Soothie Top score · About $2 each		
Humidifier	Nice to have	82	Canopy Nursery 2.0 Top score · About $160	81	Aquaoasis Best value · Budget
Air purifier	Nice to have	81	Levoit Core 400S Top score · About $220	80	Levoit Core 300-P Best value · About $100

Clothing

☐	**Two-way zip sleepers** About 10 in 0-3m	Must-have	87	**Hanna Andersson sleeper** Top score · About $44	80	**Cloud Island sleep n' play** Best value · About $15 for 3
☐	**Everyday basics (bodysuits, pants)** 7-10	Must-have	87	**Burt's Bees Baby basics** Top score · From about $10		

For you: postpartum recovery

☐	**Peri bottle**	Must-have	82	**Cynpel peri bottle** Top score · About $9		
☐	**Postpartum underwear**	Must-have	84	**Kindred Bravely underwear** Top score · About $37-43 for 5		
☐	**Nursing bras** 2-3	Must-have	85	**Bravado Body Silk** Top score · About $52	82	**Auden nursing bra** Best value · About $17
☐	**Postpartum pads**	Must-have	82	**Curity maternity pads** Top score · About $11	79	**Amazon Basics postpartum p...** Best value · About $12
☐	**Perineal cooling pads**	Must-have	81	**Gentlepak perineal paks** Top score · About $21		
☐	**Nursing pads**	Nice to have	82	**KeaBabies organic pads** Top score · About $17	82	**Momcozy ultra-thin pads** Best value · About $14 for 120
☐	**Nipple cream**	Nice to have	82	**Earth Mama nipple butter** Top score · About $14 for 2 oz	81	**Medela Purelan** Best value · About $8
☐	**Belly wrap or binder**	Nice to have	80	**Frida Mom binder** Top score · About $30		
☐	**Milk catcher**	Nice to have	90	**Haakaa silicone pump** Top score · About $13		

Play and later

☐	**Play gym**	Nice to have	86	**Lovevery Play Gym** Top score · $140-150	74	**Baby Einstein Kickin' Tunes** Best value · About $45-50
☐	**Bouncer**	Nice to have	82	**BabyBjörn Bouncer Bliss** Top score · Premium	74	**Ingenuity Keep Cozy** Best value · About $50
☐	**Swing**	Nice to have	76	**Maxi-Cosi Cassia** Top score · About $200	73	**Ingenuity Comfort 2 Go** Best value · About $75
☐	**Play mat**	Nice to have	76	**Pehr play mat** Top score · About $90	74	**Tiny Love Super Mat** Best value · About $50
☐	**Glider or rocker**	Nice to have	84	**Nursery Works Sleepytime** Top score · Under $500	77	**Storkcraft Hoop** Best value · About $250
☐	**Teethers**	Later	87	**Itzy Ritzy teethers** Top score · Budget	86	**Buzzy Bee teether** Best value · About $7
☐	**A few toys** 3-5	Nice to have	85	**Skwish rattle** Top score · About $21	82	**Lalo Art Cards** Best value · About $12
☐	**Baby gates**	Later	88	**Toddleroo stairs gate** Top score · About $50		

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