

A SHOWER of GOOD IDEAS



If you are looking for the perfect gift for a new or expecting parent in your life, NJ Suburban Parent's reviewers recommend:

OTOPIA ORGANICS

www.otopiaorganics.com

For moms who are sensitive to or concerned about chemicals and additives in personal care products, Otopia offers an extensive line of chemical-free, organic lotions, creams and cleansers formulated with extracts of aromatic plants and herbs. The entire product line is pH balanced, hypoallergenic and free of any artificial coloring. Products include: Breast Is Best (pre- and post-natal breast care balm), Purity™ Hair & body Wash for Newborns, Purity™ Moisturizing Soothing Cream For Newborns, Babysoft™ Top To Toe Care For Newborns, Bot Balm™ Barrier Cream, and much more. Our testers found all the products they tried to be luxurious, rich and a pleasure to use. They all smell wonderful, too!



DANIELLE ELIZABETH DESIGNS DIAPER BAG

www.danielleelizabethdesigns.com

These gorgeous diaper bags really do combine style, function and organization. Our reviewer says she likes it better than her regular shoulder bag! The line is well designed with fashionable colors and just a touch of rhinestones for sparkle. Danielle Elizabeth diaper bags are made of 100% cotton and are machine washable. Each bag has 8 pockets, gold plated hardware, a key hook, hidden magnetic closures and a large matching oilcloth changing pad. The bag holds everything you'll need without being too large or heavy. We love it! (\$195)



GROWING ROOM "ROOM TO GROW" 4-IN-1 INFLATABLE PLAY YARD

www.growingroominc.com

This portable play yard is the essence of versatility! Because it's inflatable, it collapses small enough to fit in a canvas shoulder bag (included, as is a very nice foot pump for inflating). It blows up surprisingly large, and functions as a changing table and as a splash pool in addition to its primary function. The "Room To Grow" is safe and comfy, yet very sturdy, and will support up to 100 pounds. Our reviewer intended to keep hers in the car for "away use," but now she uses it at home as well! (\$125)

KICKTRAK™

www.babykick.com

Kick counting, the systematic recording and tracking of fetal movements, is easy to do and is recommended by the American Pregnancy Association (APA) and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). KickTrak (picture @ top) records and times baby's kicks with the click of a button. The device will keep a "diary" of baby's movements over time, and even comes in handy to time contractions during labor. Great for gadget lovers! (\$40)

JOHNSON'S BABY SKIN CARE PRODUCTS

www.johnsonsbaby.com

These are real classics - justifiably respected and time-tested. Our reviewers still love Johnson's. We like the fresh scent, the mildness and the performance. Johnson's Moisture Care Baby Wash, Baby cream, and Baby Lotion come in distinctive pink bottles that look great in a gift basket.



by Melodie S. Dhondt

TAGGIES™

www.taggies.com

Our reviewers have been fans of Taggies for a long time, and our tiny-tot testers agree! Earlyyears TAGGIES™ Big Soft Blocks (all ages • \$30) was selected as a Top Toy for 2007 by Today's Parent magazine. Animal Friends Stacking Rings (6mos+ • \$36) are an adorable twist on a classic toy. Both feature quality construction and bright colors. Every baby needs Taggies!



THE MOMMY HOOK

www.themommyhook.com

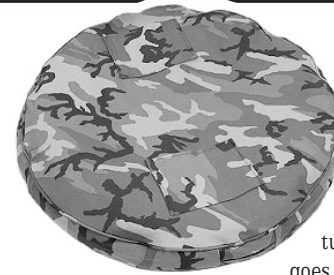
This giant carabiner-style clip is a fantastic stroller accessory. It allows the user to hang multiple bags safely and easily from almost any stroller handle. We like the heavy-duty aluminum and the cushioned, non-slip grip. (\$6)



PEDIPED FLEX™

www.pediped.com

For many years, our reviewers have been fans of Pediped's adorable, sturdy, comfortable footwear for infants and small kids. These cute shoes are guaranteed to generate "oohs" and "aaaahs" at any baby shower. Pediped's new line of soft rubber-soled shoes for toddlers ages 2-5 years is yet another winner! The shoes feature soft, flexible comfort for the wearer, and style that moms adore. (\$38-\$48)



THE TUFFET™

www.madebyamom.com

This is a gift idea that's guaranteed to be used for many years. This disc-shaped cushion provides babies with a comfortable, safe area for tummy time and practice sitting up, then goes on to become a toddler's favorite seat! The Tuffet is extremely sturdy, will last for years, comes in a wide range of colors, has a washable cover and strong handles, and can be enhanced with an extra bean pack for use by bigger kids. A great idea! (\$70-\$99)

INTERNATIONAL PLAYTHINGS

www.intplay.com

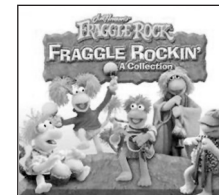
This company provides a varied array of toys for toddlers and tots. Ranging from the classics, like blocks and lacing toys, to the innovative. Our reviewers especially liked the Surprise Inside Elephant (9mos+ • Item# E00128 • \$23), which features many different textures, a convenient carrying handle, 3 pockets on the outside and lots of small surprise toys inside. Our baby-testers were kept busy for quite a while exploring this toy. We also like the Puppy Pal (6mos+ • item# E00109 • \$13), a teether which also provides interesting textures and plays 3 songs!



FRAGGLE ROCKIN' A COLLECTION

www.kochentertainment.com

This 3-disc Collector's Edition contains all 3 original albums, wonderfully re-mastered & packed in one digi-pack set, with rarely seen photos and contributions from the original composers. Our reviewers loved the nostalgia of revisiting Fraggle Rock, and their kids enjoyed the lively, fun music. (\$24)



SUDDENSTOP

www.suddenstop.com

It looks just like a license plate frame, but the ultra-bright LED lights it contains can save your family from serious injury. SuddenSTOP utilizes a special measurement device and microprocessor to determine when your car is coming to an abrupt stop. The lights flash brightly for just 3 seconds, but that warning can provide a tailing driver with .25 additional seconds of reaction time - the tailing driver gains almost 20 feet of stopping distance! Our reviewer had no trouble installing SuddenSTOP herself. It's completely self-contained and the batteries last for 3 years. This is a much better idea than a "Baby On Board" sticker! (available nationally at Pep Boys and CSK Auto • \$25)