

The baby registry 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

Sleep

☐ Bassinet	Must-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	84	Carter's by DaVinci Colby Top score · 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	82	Woolino 4 Season Top score · About \$109	82	Burt's Bees Beekeeper Best value · About \$25
☐ Sound machine	Nice to have	79	Hatch Rest Top score · \$79.99	73	Yogasleep Hushh Best value · \$30-50
☐ 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		

On the go

☐ Infant car seat	Must-have	85	Nuna PIPA rx Top score · About \$550	83	Britax Willow S Best value · About \$280
☐ Stroller	Must-have	83	Mockingbird 3.0 Top score · Mid-range		
☐ Baby carrier	Must-have	78	Tula Free-to-Grow Top score · About \$179	75	Momcozy carrier Best value · About \$70
☐ 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 4-6	Must-have	85	Pigeon coated glass bottle Top score · About \$42 for 2	78	Avent Anti-Colic AirFree Best value · About \$8
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☐ 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	77 Tiny Marvels washer Best value · About \$170
☐ Bottle warmer	Nice to have	73	Dr. Brown's MilkSPA Top score · Budget	
☐ High chair	Later	82	Abiie Beyond Top score · About \$238	77 IKEA Antilop Best value · About \$19

Diapering

☐ Diapers	Must-have	84	Parasol diapers Top score · About \$0.40 per diap...	74 Huggies Snug & Dry Best value · About \$0.26 per diap...
☐ Wipes	Must-have	86	WaterWipes Top score · About 4-6¢ per wipe	81 Pampers Aqua Pure Best value · About 3-4¢ 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	76	Keekaroo Peanut Top score · About \$150	75 Munchkin Secure Grip Best value · About \$45
☐ 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	80	Boon SOAK tub Top score · About \$30	
☐ Thermometer	Must-have	86	Vicks SpeedRead Top score · About \$15	
☐ Nasal aspirator	Must-have	76	Electric NoseFrida Top score · About \$45	
☐ 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	74 Crane Adorables 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

☐ Sleepers and pajamas 6-8	Must-have	87	Hanna Andersson sleeper Top score · About \$44	80 Cloud Island sleep n' play Best value · About \$15 for 3
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Everyday basics

(bodysuits, pants)

7-10

Must-have

87

Burt's Bees Baby basics

Top score · From about \$10

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
☐ 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	84 Nuby teething mitten Best value · About \$10
☐ Baby gates	Later	88 Toddleroo stairs gate Top score · About \$50	

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