

Buying baby clothing gifts is a lot of fun; there are so many cute items to choose between. But if you want the clothes to be both cute and useful, Don't buy anything with an attached hood or collar. When the hood or collar touches the baby's chin it triggers the rooting and suckling reflex, making the poor baby search for the nipple in vain. Avoid clothes that you have to pull over the head unless the opening can be made very wide, especially to first time parents. Great buys are onesies and bodysuits that open with easy buttons between the legs, trousers that have soft, wide waistband and built-in feet (unless it is summer or you live in a warm climate.)

### Choosing a Baby Gift



Sometimes choosing a gift for a new baby is one of the most difficult tasks that one can face. This is especially true with so many people buying gifts, and you want to choose something that is different.

After all, everyone brings sheets, comforters, blankets, and the usual types of clothing for newborns, so what can you do that is different? There surely has to be something different that you can do. Even if it includes the same items, you can find a different way to package it.

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One gift giving idea that has become popular over the past few years is the diaper cake. For those who are familiar with this gift concept, you make a cake, often for a baby shower, using disposal diapers as the basis for the cake. Some people use the diapers with characters, but it works better if you use just plain, white Pampers or Huggies diapers. The diapers are to hold the cake together, but you can also roll and fold some little shirts, kimonos, sleepers, bibs, and other items to add to the variety of the cake. Small toys such as rattles and small stuff animals made specifically for newborns can be taped to the diapers as well.



Dad is often forgotten - or at least feels forgotten - when a new baby arrives in the family. The well-being of the newborn infant, siblings and mom is often in complete focus. *Dad needs love and encouragement too!*

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Another gift idea that has also been used is using the bassinette as a carrier of gifts. This can be a real bassinette that you buy for the mother-to-be or that you rent as part of your baby shower theme, but rather than having just the bassinette, you line the entire inside with various baby items such as clothing, bedding, toys, lotions, diapers, baby formula, baby food, bibs, and any other small items that you would like to include. If you choose, you can cover it with a nice colorful blanket or quilt, and add a toy to the top for decorating.

Personalized gifts are always nice to have as well, but these will have to wait until after the birth of the baby. Even if the parents have chosen names and been told

they are having a girl or boy, it is always best to wait. In some cases, the position of the baby may cause the doctor to see a difference in the baby's gender, so to avoid giving girl's gifts to a boy, and vice versa, wait until after the baby is born to give personalized gifts. There are several gifts from which you can choose, but one of the most popular is the personalized picture frame that the new parents can use for baby's hospital photograph.

You may certainly come up with some ideas of your own; these are just some samples of things that you can do if you are fresh out of ideas. Gift giving for the new baby should come from your heart and your creative inner soul. If you have a great idea for a baby gift, share it with someone so that they, too, can give a gift that is different from the others the baby receives.

## Got Milk Baby Diaper Cake



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