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Save Money On Toddler Clothes

By Agata Langer

What newborns need the most of is love. Eye contact and the warmth of Mom and Dad's embrace are essential for a baby's happiness. But babies also need to eat and stay warm. This article will show Mom and Dad how to keep their babies warm with clothing tips on what to buy and where to shop for baby and toddler clothing at a discount. So enjoy stocking the nursery with loads of diapers and a change of clothes—you're going to need them!

Baby Basics Children will quickly outgrow their britches, so there is no need to buy expensive things at first. Keep in mind that whatever is too big today will fit perfectly tomorrow.

Since newborns will spend the majority of their busy lives sleeping, parents are basically dressing their children for bed. That may sound funny, but there is a lot of truth in it. Fire-resistant cotton and wool will be the best materials for snugly fit sleepwear. Manufacturers will provide fire protection ratings, so determining whether the clothes are safe or not is an easy matter of reading the label. Well-fit clothes also reduce the risk of fire hazards for children while they sleep. The basic tenet for safe sleepwear is well-fit fire resistant cotton.

Babies will not need shoes until they start walking. Between one and two months, booties and socks will be appropriate footwear. With booties and socks, give the baby's foot a little room to wiggle and grow. Restricting their movement at this stage could harm their feet. The main point for footwear is to ensure that socks and booties are not too tight.

Staying warm is one of the primary functions of baby clothing. Hats and socks and cotton, sometimes wool, are all perfect for keeping the baby comfortable. If you are unsure about how many layers your child might need, follow a simple guideline: however many layers Mom or Dad needs to stay warm is likely the same for the baby. It's not a perfect science, but it is a good general rule.

Finally, babies may need to be changed several times in one day. That means keeping several T-shirts nearby will be handy. Also prepare to do several loads of laundry. Consider using bibs throughout the day to help protect the baby's clothes. And there is nothing you can do about the truck load of diapers you will need. Some infants will need changing on an hourly basis; some less. So buy disposable

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diapers in bulk to save a few bucks. Last of all the basics, whites can be bleached—clean as needed.

Last words on baby basics: Young skin can be very sensitive and easily irritated by harsh soaps, buttons and things that rub too closely, and even by some materials. Cotton and wool are safe. Double rinsing clothes in the wash is helpful. Always wash new clothes before dressing a child in them. Using non-allergenic laundry detergent will reduce the risk of irritation. And that's about it for the basics aside from the fact that parents should be advised that children will try to swallow buttons and things that they can pull off of their clothing.

Gift Baskets for Baby and Toddler Clothing Including the essentials in a decorative gift basket can be a nice touch at baby showers and birthdays and it's a great way to provide Mom and Dad with things they need. Deciding what to fill the basket with is simple: Include the things that parents and babies need. However, don't go too far by filling a basket full of diapers; baby clothing gifts are a convenient time to buy decorated and fun attire.

Here are the things that parents and babies can really use. They want snap-up pants and shirts. Snap-on clothing makes undressing children easier. Instead of slipping clothes over the child's head, pants and shirts can be snapped on and off very conveniently. Socks are useful. Just remember that young feet need room to wiggle and grow. The same thing is true for booties. And headgear is essential. Hats keep babies warm and they also prevent sun burns. Because kids will swipe, knock, and pull their hat off, get one with a comfortable elastic chin strap.

Everyone knows that babies aren't always sleeping and eating, they have the all-important photo opps and familial meet-and-greets, so they could use clothes with a little style. Spring colors, fall fashions, Disney designs, athletic themes, denim, and iron-ons are all a lot of fun.

Shopping for Baby Clothes Oshkosh, Sketchers, Dora the Explorer, First Moments, and Second Step are all popular designer styles made especially with children's needs in mind. They also provide many style choices for dressing up, dressing down, and everything in between. Most items will be categorized by age and gender: Newborns are 0 to 9 months; infants are 12 to 24 months; toddlers are labeled 2T to 4T.

All of these designer styles and sizes for baby toddler clothing can be bought at a discount. Shopping for discount baby clothes and discount toddler clothes shouldn't take you much further than a lot of safe and reputable online sources. By keeping the overhead of office space and supplies down to a minimum, online merchants are able to provide deeply discounted, designer items at huge savings. This is true even after figuring in the cost of shipping. Finding sleepwear, headgear, and gift sets under clearance specials can save shoppers at least 75% off regular prices. Regular sale prices can easily be found with reductions off the regular prices as high as 50%. It's all brand new and perfect for stocking the nursery dressers drawers.

Shopping online for discount baby and toddler clothing should provide Mom and Dad with everything they need to make the early years memorable and fun while saving a few bucks on designer apparel that cater to children's needs.

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Agata Langer, owner of, Best-Dressed-Tot juggles the role of a Stay-At-Home-Mother and that of a small business owner. Agata is proud to offer high-quality name brand children's clothing at affordable prices. Visit

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Should You Buy Toddler Size Furniture

By Bob Benson

Your baby has grown into a full-fledged toddler and is ready for a "big girl" or "big boy" bed. Have you seen the latest toddler furniture? It's cute! But you really don't have to spend a lot to make your toddler comfortable in his or her bedroom.

Your first decision will be whether to buy a toddler bed. The toddler bed is a piece of furniture sized just right for babies who are too big for their crib. Most use the mattress from the crib, however, so they are not actually that much bigger in size. Toddler beds just get the child accustomed to sleeping without rails all around and is low enough that if the child rolls out, he won't get hurt.

Has your child grown quickly? If so, you might think about skipping the toddler bed as furniture and buy a twin size bed instead. You can purchase rails made of cloth and plastic that do a fine job of keeping the child in the bed and allowing him more room for movement. If you are looking to save money, this is one way to do it. By buying a twin bed you've eliminated the often expensive toddler size furniture that will only have to be upgraded later.

Should you buy a toddler size dresser? Again, the toddler furniture is precious, but do you expect your two or three year old to always put away his socks, underwear or t-shirts? The purchase of toddler size furniture is less about function and more about how absolutely adorable it is. Unless you just have money to blow, invest in furniture that will last the child (or someone else in the family later if it doesn't match his room any more) for a lifetime. If you buy a six drawer dresser now you can still insist your toddler help put his things away by putting items like socks, shirts and under clothes in the lower drawers. Since the furniture will be heavier, help open and close the drawers for him to avoid smashing his little fingers.

When considering furniture for a toddler's room remember to keep special needs in mind. Some children have allergic reactions to compressed woods, or the glues used to hold them together. If you have just bought new furniture that seems to have a loud smell and your child develops allergy symptoms, let your doctor know. It may help pin down the allergy culprit without undergoing a lot of tests.

Use the money you save by not buying toddler furniture to change the décor in your child's room often. A toddler who likes Big Bird one day may be crazy over princesses or Thomas the Tank Engine

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another day. Use standard colors that match the furniture you've selected and you can change themes of the room as often as your child changes favorites. Your toddler's room can still be cute and as unique as his ever changing personality even if you don't sink a lot of money into toddler sized furniture.

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