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Gifts for mum and bub

A NEWBORN'S arrival in the world is a magical occasion that warrants a special gift.

Here are our favourite gift ideas for mothers and bubs — perfect for baby showers or the first visit to hospital to meet the new arrival.

Under \$20

Posh Pads RRP \$12 a pair

Super-soft organic bamboo breastfeeding pads soak up leaks and come in a range of funky designs including Tattoo Parlour, Super Mama and Zebra.

nappiescovered.com.au



Babytalk growsuit \$15.95

Choose from 21 cute witticisms including "I replaced the dog", "Mine's baby fat, what's your excuse?", "I walk when you're not looking" and "I do all my own stunts".

(07) 5593 4755, annabeltrends.com



Under \$40

Microwavable monkey RRP \$29.95

Warm him for two minutes and pop him in baby's cot to warm the bed and release a soothing lavender smell — then remove before bub goes in the cot.

monkeycaboose.com.au



Dash clutch \$35

A stylish baby wipes holder to slot in Mum's handbag or nappy bag. Choose zebra (pictured), leopard or snakeskin. Plain colours also available for \$25 and metallic colours for \$30.

dashbaby.com.au



Under \$60

Skip Hop Zoo bookends RRP \$59.95 a pair

Soft, weighted bookends perfect for the nursery or playroom — a gift that will last for years. Choose owl, dog or monkey.

moosaidthecow.com.au

Essential Nappy Caddy \$59.95

Portable change station for the living room or nursery with a change mat and sections for nappies, a wipes box and creams. Comes in pink, blue or green.

urbanbaby.com.au



Over \$60

Cupcake Deluxe \$70

A practical gift that looks great in the hospital room or nursery. Includes a muslin wrap, eight disposable nappies, a bib and three pairs of socks. Comes in pink or blue.

simplygifts.com.au



Melbourne tram \$90

This adorable wooden tram is designed for age three plus, but will make a gorgeous addition to the nursery top shelf until the lucky recipient is old enough to play with it. Includes 14 wooden people.

monkeycaboose.com.au



Pregnancy belly casting kit RRP \$69.95

Belly Art's DIY kit contains everything you need to make a unique work of art and a lasting memento of your pregnancy. It makes for a fun activity at baby showers, too.

bellyart.com.au



ONE lucky reader will win a Peg Perego Skate System Completo

Stroller valued at \$1299 plus a Skate Jumper Seat worth \$169. The new Skate Jumper Seat turns the Skate into a stroller for two and it's compatible with the older (2008-09) model and the new Skate System. The stroller is versatile and can be used with a bassinet, a reversible seat or an infant carrier. More: 1300 131 477; nurseryelegance.com.au.

To enter and see terms and conditions, go to heraldsun.com.au/lifestyle/competitions. Vic residents only. Closes noon

March 24, 2011, drawn 2pm on that day, winner published online on the same day.



What's new



Wrapped nappies

THE new DiaperBuds are individually wrapped, vacuum-packed disposable nappies designed to take up less space in your bag.

This is a compact and hygienic way to slot one nappy into a handbag or a handful into an overnight bag for plane travel.

Peel off the packaging and it blooms into a full-size nappy. RRP \$14.99 for a pack of nine.

Visit goldbug.com.au for stockists.



Save the magic

REMEMBER the kooky things your child says forever thanks to the new *Conversations To Keep Books* from Hallmark, a great keepsake gift for mothers and grandmothers this Mother's Day.

The books record a child answering a series of open-ended questions designed to spark their imagination. Two titles are available: *Mum & Me* and *Grandma & Me*.

Questions in *Mum & Me* include, "If you and Mum found a genie in a magic lamp, what three wishes would you make?" You can re-record answers if you like.

RRP \$34.99. Available at selected stores, newsagents and gift stores or at hallmarkcards.com.au.

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