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Must Have Baby Equipment for Modern Mums

Buying the right equipment for your baby doesn't need to cost you a fortune. Of course you will want to buy your baby the best new products available and a few cute baby outfits, but there is much you can pick up second hand at kidspot.com.au or hire from the many businesses specialising in supplying short term hire of baby equipment that can be found in the Kidspot directory at www.kidspot.com.au.

Kidspot recommends the following list for every parent wanting to ensure they have all the right equipment to care for their new baby.

Nursery

- 3 cotton blankets
- 3-5 receiving blankets/muslin wraps, etc
- 4 fitted sheets
- baby monitor
- bassinette
- changing mat/pad + covers
- changing table + covers
- cot
- dresser
- humidifier
- mattress
- mobile
- nappy disposal unit/bin
- nappy stacker
- night light
- rocking chair/glider
- wool blanket

Breastfeeding

- body pillows/feeding pillows
- breast pads
- breast pump (rent from chemist)
- nipple shields
- nursing bras
- storage kids

Bottle feeding

- baby formula
- bibs
- bottle brush
- bottle warmer
- bottles, teats, caps
- sterilising kit

Basic Supplies

- baby lotion
- baby shampoo
- baby talc
- baby wipes
- brush/comb
- cotton balls
- disposable nappies
- dummies/pacifiers
- nail clippers
- nappy bags
- nappy rash/barrier cream
- nappysan
- q-tips
- thermometer

Clothing

- 1-2 hats
- 2 pairs of cotton socks/booties
- 2-3 loose cotton sweaters
- 6 gowns (with mittens to cover hands)
- 6 onesies
- 6 singlets

Bath

- 2 hooded towels
- infant bath tub
- washcloths

Equipment

- activity blanket
- baby carrier/sling
- bouncing seat
- car seat/capsule
- nappy bag
- porta-cot
- pram
- sunshade for the car
- swing
- baby toys
- umbrella stroller

Parenting Tips for Toddlers and Preschoolers

Be There.

Children want and need your physical presence, from infancy onward.

Listen.

Being there means more than being present physically.

Support your partner.

Work together on behalf of your child whether you are living together or not.

Learn to disagree appropriately with your partner.

Disagreement is a normal part of parenthood. It is how you resolve those differences that matters.

Get to know and be known to the people in your child's world.

Teachers, caregivers, doctors - all of them are an important part of your child and your lives.

Get to know and be known to your children's friends and their parents.

If you have concerns about who your child is hanging out with, be sure to discuss this with your child.

Play with your children.

One of the best ways to learn about and develop a lasting connection with your children is to play with them -- to enter their world.

Teach by example.

Children follow what you do more than what you say.

Discipline with love.

To discipline means to guide or bring out the best in your child and that is best done with love.

Keep your sense of humor.

Nobody said parenthood would be easy. If you can survive parenthood, you can survive anything!

If you want to explore more on parenting tips for toddlers and preschoolers, then visit www.kidspot.com.au. Here you can find all the products and services that are essential for the development of a child. You can browse hundreds of fun filled activities to help with the development of your kids. There are tips for creating special birthdays and all the party essentials you need to make it quick and easy to organise. For more handy parenting tips such as travelling with kids, feeding tips and kids clothing visit www.kidspot.com.au. Here parents can find all the inspirational ideas, advice and parenting tips for kids of all ages, from birth through to teens.

Fun Ways to Entertain Your Kids

Keeping young ones entertained is an all time challenge. Kidspot.com.au offers various activities for the little ones, including cooking, car games, and learning songs.

Kidspot provides the best ways of entertaining kids and having fun time together as a family:

Learning songs

At kidspot.com.au you can find the lyrics to classic learning songs you may have forgotten, such as:

The Ants Go Marching
10 Little Indians
Where is Thumbkin?
This Old Man (Knick Knack Paddy Whack)
The Wheels on the Bus Go Round and Round
If You're Happy and You Know It
Here We Go 'Round The Mulberry Bush

There is a long list of nursery rhymes lyrics, too.

Car games

Car game ideas and instructions for toddlers can be found at kidspot.com.au. These games include alphabet memory, reciting alphabets from A to Z, I spy, baby chips, bubbles and many more.

Activity lessons and classes

You can find the perfect activity for your kids at kidspot.com.au as the information relating to kids' classes is constantly updated. Dancing, swimming lessons, drama & acting, craft, singing lessons and playgroup are some of the activities that would definitely entertain your young ones.

Learning toys

At kidspot you can find the best advice for toys for your baby that will keep them busy and learning... kidspot.com.au has all the top brands such as Fisher-Price, Lamaze and Leap Frog. You can purchase all these toys online from www.kidspot.com.au and keep your baby and toddler busy as well as entertained.

Family outings

Having fun as a family is what everyone loves to do. Kidspot has stacks of ideas for families to enjoy together such as the best parks and playgrounds for kids, kid-friendly restaurants, free events, pram walks and what's on in your local area for families and kids.

Buying Baby Furniture – A Guide for New Parents

Buying baby furniture for the nursery is a project new parents can often leave until the third trimester when mum is too tired to enjoy creating a space to welcome baby home. www.kidspot.com.au recommends leaving the purchase of the crib, baby change table, pram, baby bath, wall art, linen and more of the larger furniture items until the second or third trimester but new parents can begin to plan the baby's nursery as soon as they discover they are pregnant.

How to create a baby's room

1. Choose a theme and colours. If you don't know the gender of your baby, you can plan the nursery in all white and add splashes of colour once baby arrives. Or else choose gender neutral colours such as orange and green.
2. Research the different brands and styles of baby furniture such as cot, baby change table, pram and chest of drawers so you are clear on what you like and understand the options available. www.kidspot.com.au has all the best suppliers of baby furniture such as Babies Galore and Ikea as well as designer brands to help make your research simple. Remember that it is better to spend more money on longer lasting items such as the crib, pram, nappy change table and save money on baby accessories.
3. Deciding on what pram to buy can be confusing because there are so many models to choose from. www.kidspot.com.au has all the information you need to make the right choice. Tips include writing a checklist of how you will use the pram - will you go jogging with the pram or quiet walks in the park? Will you want to use it for shopping and do you need lots of storage space? Also, make sure it will fit in your car's boot.
4. Once you have chosen the large furniture items for baby's room you need to decide how you will decorate the baby's nursery. Choose from wall art, large wooden letters, wall decals, photo frames and lots more room accessories to brighten a nursery.
5. As your baby grows, Kidspot can help baby to make the transition from a nursery to kid's room with it's extensive directory of children's furniture and accessories such as toddler beds or pine bunk beds that comes with safety rail and ladders. However, if you are looking for decorative items, you can check out designer furniture for kids. For more information about Kidspot and other baby furnishing, log on to www.kidspot.com.au.

Top Tips for Finding Age Appropriate Toys

Toys play an important role in a baby's development and do more than just keep babies entertained. Age appropriate toys focus on different learning stages to help babies develop their mental, physical, intellectual and social skills. They are the tools that teach baby about their world and their place in it. They add excitement to learning about life, how things work and how to get along with others. Good toys will give your little one the motivation to play and develop basic skills

www.kidspot.com.au provides a wide range toys for different age groups that include everything from the more traditional wooden toys to electronic toys.

Age appropriate toys for each child's age group

Baby

A baby needs toys that they can amuse themselves with because they are developing their senses in order to discover their world. Choose toys that are safe and interesting, with bright contrasting colors such as red and yellow, various sounds, and different textures. A toy that lights up and makes noise in reply to the child's action helps babies to find out about cause and effect.

Toddler

Toddlers need toys that make things happen. Choose toys that include pushing a button and hearing a song, or having something light up. Discovering they have the ability to interact with their surroundings is very exciting and once they find something they like, they will want to do it over and over.

Preschooler

Preschoolers will enjoy toys that help to develop their language and they also love to escape into role playing. Toys that help toddlers develop include electronic toys that say simple words such as yes and no. Great options are toys that say words when a button is pushed or videos that focus on language development. Fabric or board books are also good because after reading the story you can give the book to baby to flip the pages and "read" it back to you. Role playing toys help kids to mimic you such as telephones, brooms, shopping carts and steering wheels and help baby explore the world of make believe..

www.kidspot.com.au has an extensive directory complete with local toy stores and online toys stores to help parents find the best toys for their child.

Buying Children's Clothing Online Made Easy

Gone are the days when fashion was only considered as the cohort of teenagers and adults. Today, the fashion industry keeps on introducing various stylish and designer apparels for children as well. Mothers of cute little children would definitely wish to get beautiful and charming dresses for their toddlers. Besides, there are parents who want to buy stylish yet affordable dresses for their kids.

Children's clothing can now be effortlessly availed from specialized online websites like www.kidspot.com.au. Through this online store, you can easily select special, stylish and beautiful dresses for your loving children. When purchasing through this online store, you can be assured about the quality of dresses that ranges from newborn kids to teenager categories and that too at affordable prices.

While buying clothes for small kids, parents end up getting confused as to which clothing would be best suitable for their child. However, if parents really want to get some cool clothing for their kids easily and without putting any extra effort, they should visit an online store like kidspot.com.au where they can get a variety of clothing in terms of shapes, sizes, colors, styles and patterns under one platform. Besides you don't have to invest time in moving from one place to another in search of what you require.

Today, online clothing stores are much in demand and most of the parents are taking the help of the Internet to find best possible clothes for their children. Kids are very special and too sensitive and therefore their clothing is something that should not be compromised under any condition. Online shopping helps you to find clothing for every season for your kids.

Buying clothing for children online also eliminates some common problems you may face in everyday life. It prevents you from traffic jams, unnecessary parking problems, let you save money spent on fuel. Online shopping also helps you avoid the throng and save a lot of your time that is otherwise invested in visiting a physical store to make your purchase. Many clothes companies encourages parents for online shopping for their precious children by introducing attractive offers like discounts and special offers.

You can also get a wide range of stylish, beautiful and eye-catching dresses for your little children by logging onto www.kidspot.com.au. Here you can easily get your desirable items and that too from the comfort of your own home.