

# Must-Haves for Every Month with Baby

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**I will never get used to how quickly that first year in a baby's life flies by. One minute you're bringing them home from the hospital, the next you're planning for a first birthday party.**

And now that I'm on my fourth baby, I have only one goal in life: to enjoy every last minute as much as possible with my baby. Which, for me, means not wasting time hurrying to buy the next product that I need for my baby or spending time digging out the next size up outfits. I say, get prepared ahead of time so you can enjoy each stage in baby's first year.

To help you enjoy those moments, stock up on the must-haves for each month with your baby.

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- 0-1 Month: Bouncer

At this age, you need a bouncer in your life, my friends. You'll want to keep an eye on baby wherever you are, so a bouncy seat is a lifesaver to have around the house when you need to actually use your arms for something else than baby-holding! This Pooh bouncer is a great option for both girls and boys.

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- 1-2 Months: Diaper Bag

If you're heading back to work, be sure to pick up the right diaper bag for you to keep all of baby's essentials organized and at arm's reach so you can spend more time enjoying each other after-hours!

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- 2-3 Months: Play Mat

Time for tummy time! Keep things interesting for baby with a fun-packed play mat and remember—keep it supervised and keep it entertaining!

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- 3-4 Months: Travel Toy

It's such a little thing, but I swear by these car seat toys for baby. At this age, my little one still spends a lot of time in her car seat, between errands and school pick-ups, so it's nice to see her developing her hand-eye coordination with her little car seat buddy.

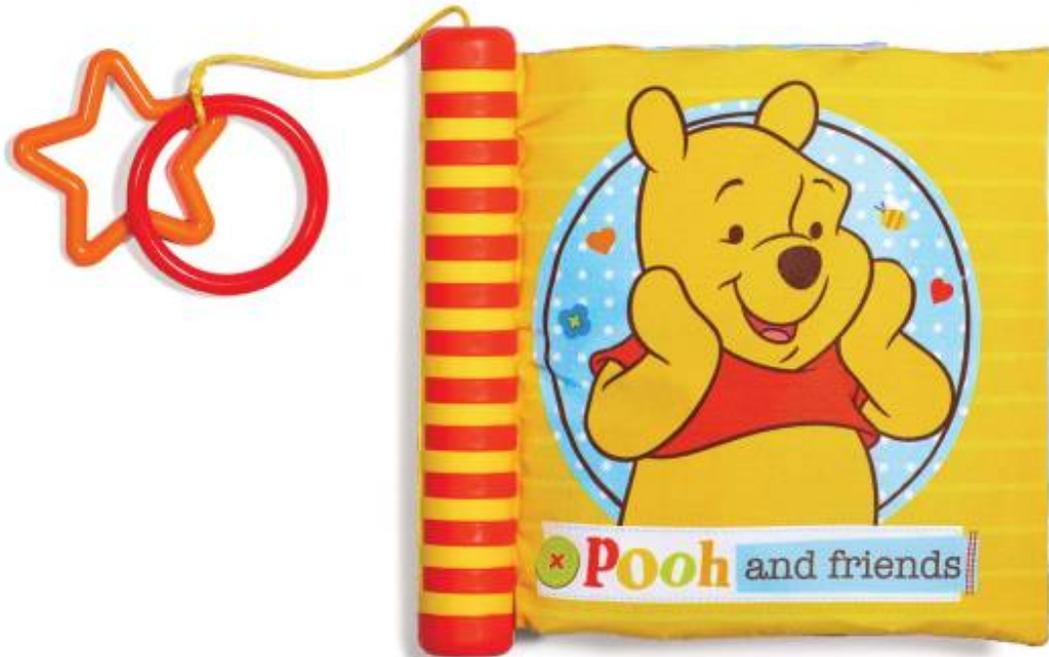
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- 4-5 Months: Cozy Blanket

Uh-oh, it's the great sleep regression of 4 months! Babies' brains go through a major growth spurt at 4 months old, which can affect their sleep. Help lull your little one back to sleep with a soft and cozy blanket that will keep both of you warm during those late night rocking sessions.

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- 5-6 Months: Rattles and Teethers

Reach and roll, baby! At this age, your baby will be loving practicing his new skill of reaching for toys, so give him something to reach for with these fun rattles and teether toys.

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- **6-7 Months: Bibs**

If you're baby is ready, you can introduce solid food to your baby at six months old. Bibs are kind of a must here, guys.

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- **7-8 Months: Bath Spout Cover**

Time to baby proof! A crawling baby is a baby that will keep Mom or Dad constantly on their toes, so watch out! Make baby proofing a little more fun with picking up a bath spout cover.

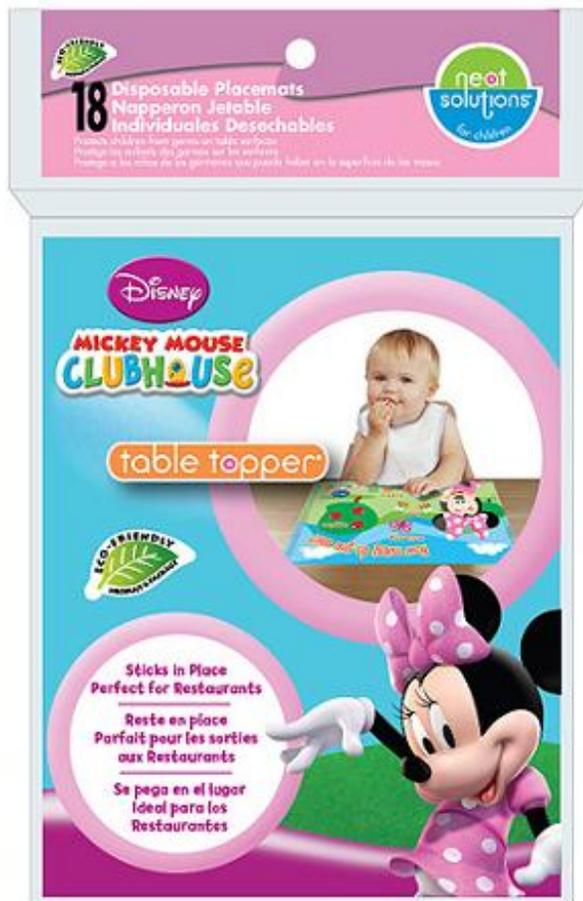
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- **8-9 Months: Toys for Hand-Eye Coordination**

Challenge your baby's developing hand-eye coordination with this classic Winnie-the-Pooh wooden stacking set from Melissa and Doug. I just love toys I can feel good about using around my baby!

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- 9-10 Months: Stick-On Placemats

When you're out and about, don't forget these genius inventions—stick-on disposable placemats, so your baby can join in on lunchtime out safely. I am never without a pack of these in my diaper bag at this age!

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- □ 10-11 Months: Shoes

Uh-oh, is that a walker we have in the house? Start them off on the right foot with a pair of cute and comfy shoes that won't fall off. (Lifesaver right there, you guys.)

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- 11-12 Months: Party Supplies

It's time to start planning for that 1st year birthday party! Get everything you need to plan the perfect birthday party for your Disney Baby.

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