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Advice and Reviews for
Parents of Young Children

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Mommy Must Haves

Aden and Anais

Among the oldest of all fabrics, cotton muslin may be the coziest. Aden and Anais, the makers of many wonderful baby products, use cotton muslin for all of their merchandise, including their classic sleeping bag. The single layer of muslin in the sleep sack keeps baby feeling perfect on cool fall nights. Soft and sleeveless zip front bags in beautiful patterns are a must in lieu of blankets to help prevent SIDS. Sleep like a baby for \$32 at adenandanaiss.com.



Smoobee

Billed as the "magic, no cry brush," the Smoobee is the answer to tangled hair. Made with a wooden handle and soft bristles, this gentle brush works through tangled, dry hair like a charm.

Speaking of charm, the Smoobee can be personalized anyway your little one likes with sparkly decals that are sold separately. Bedazzled brushes for your favorite bedhead for \$17 at smoobee.com.

Myself Belts

Makaboo is a website with personalized gifts galore, among them, a belt for your little guy. Myself Belts have Velcro fasteners—easy for toddlers and little kids to put on all by themselves. Choose from solid or print designs and personalize any of them with a monogram. It's a cinch for \$25 at makaboo.com.



Cute Babies of the Month

Name: Shaurya Rishit

Birthdate: April 22, 2011

Favorite pastimes: Playing ball and mimicking daddy.

If you'd like your baby or toddler (ages 6 months - 24 months, please) featured in Tot Tips, email a photo and important stats to contactus@washingtonparent.net



Name: Gianna

Birthdate: February 26, 2011

Favorite pastimes: Smiling and talking on the phone.



Twotara

Here's a clever idea for a shower gift when you don't know the gender of the baby: Twotara clothing. Twotara, named after a chameleon-like lizard, sells reversible clothing. The onesies, hats, booties, and mittens are pink on one side and blue on the other. This garment line is a nice respite from the standard yellow and green neutral baby clothes. It's a boy...er, um...it's a girl! Prices start \$5 at twotara.com.