

Top 5 Nursery Furniture Essentials

Meta Description: Which pieces of furniture qualify as nursery essentials? Start planning with this list of must-haves for your baby's room and get your nursery ideas flowing.

You're getting closer to your due date and you're ready to start putting your baby's nursery together. Creating a space dedicated to your baby is exciting and you may already have ideas of how you want it to look.

Whether you're looking around an empty room wondering, **"Where do I start?"** or have had a Pinterest board ready for months, this guide will help you select the key nursery items that turn any spare room into your baby's room.

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What Nursery Furniture Do You Really Need?

These five essentials will set the foundation for a comfortable nursery while making practical use of your space.

1) Crib

Your baby's crib is the **focal point** of the whole nursery. When you enter the room, the eye is naturally drawn to the crib. Choose a crib that anchors the overall look and feel of your baby's room.

[The Crib](#) from Nurture& comes in white or natural and features a premium, modern aesthetic, designed to complement any nursery theme. Made with sustainably harvested wood and non-toxic premium materials, The Crib also converts into a toddler bed, making it both a practical and design-forward choice.

IMAGE #1 (reference)

The Crib ([link](#))



Unlike the standard bassinet, this baby crib has **three adjustable heights** so it's really designed to grow with your little one for years to come.

2) Dresser

Choosing the right dresser can be tricky.

You want a piece that has:

- Plenty of storage space but isn't too bulky.
- A neutral aesthetic that's easy to match, but still has a sleek look to it.
- More than one purpose in the nursery.

[The Dresser](#) from Nurture& features **seven drawers** to hold all of your baby's clothes and accessories and most importantly, *keep them organized*.

Adding [The Changing Topper](#) will also convert The Dresser into a multifunctional changing table.

You'll likely find that maintaining an organized approach really helps in those stressful parenting moments—particularly during those middle-of-the-night diaper changes.

IMAGE #2 ([link](#))

The Dresser



3) Glider

The [glider](#) in your baby's nursery needs to be comfortable because it's **where you'll spend most of your time** with your little one.

Gliders serve as nursing chairs for breastfeeding or feeding chairs for bottle feeding, cuddling cushions for naptime snuggles, and storytime seats for bedtime books.

[The Glider Plus](#) is all of that and more. Get cozy in any position using the power recline and lumbar support.

Enjoy being nap-trapped under your sleeping baby when you can charge your phone and swivel to reach things around you from the comfort of this chair.

IMAGE #3 ([link](#))

The Glider



The whole [collection of seating](#) that's available through Nurture& is made of premium materials that **meet or surpass the safety standards** set by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).

Their durable and stain-resistant fabric is exactly what every baby's room needs for unexpected messes.

A glider is similar to a rocking chair in a lot of ways, but you can read more [here](#) about how they compare and how to choose which one is right for you.

4) Nightstand

You need a place **to set your things down** in your baby's nursery. A nightstand is a perfect size to have as a table beside your glider.

Keep your phone, your water bottle, and a lamp with a dim bulb right next to you.

If you're bottle feeding, this is a good spot to put the bottle down while you burp or move your baby to a different position.

Most nightstands come with drawers or space underneath for storage bins. Here you can keep books, extra pacifiers, or burp cloths handy.

5) Closet

Your baby's nursery should be in a room that has a closet.

If the dresser in your baby's room is full of socks, swaddles, and crib sheets you need a separate space for everything else.

Other clothes and **baby items you don't use on a daily basis** can be put away in the closet.

Baby Clothes ([link](#))



Onesies and tops are easy to sort through when they're on hangers.

If you've stocked up on diapers and wipes from your **baby shower** you can get the extra boxes out of the way by keeping them in the closet.

Putting things away keeps the room tidy and a comfortable space to be in.

Tips for Buying **Nursery Furniture**

Now that we've covered the **nursery essentials**, here are a few ways to make choosing each **piece of furniture** easy.

Start Planning Early

The last week before your due date is not the time you want to be moving heavy furniture. Get some ideas going early on in your pregnancy.

Make lists of what you need for your **baby's room** and what kind of budget you have to spend. This will help you pick each piece based on what works for your family.

Start by purchasing neutral furniture that you can set up as soon as possible, while you still have plenty of energy.

You can leave the [nursery decor](#) for the end of your pregnancy or even after your baby is born. Decorating can be a gradual process and those decorative pieces can also make for great registry additions.

Consider the Available Space

If the room you're working with is on the smaller side, pay close attention to the size and dimensions of each [piece of furniture](#).

Look for ways to have **more than one item** share the same space:

- [A crib](#) that's tall enough to slide a garment bag underneath.
- [A dresser](#) that can hook a hamper or dirty clothes bag on the side.
- [An ottoman](#) that can also function as makeshift seating and storage.

If you have a large space to work with, you might consider a few extras to complete the space.

[The PlayPad Circle](#) is an item your [little one](#) will use from the early days of tummy time through their first tumbles. It's made with premium, vegan wipeable leather, and features supportive cushioning, making it a comfy spot to hang when you're sitting on the floor with your baby (an experience you'll likely have more than you could possibly realize!).

IMAGE #4 ([link](#))

The PlayPad Circle



A toy chest or bookshelf is also a great way to add to a nursery's decor while keeping all of your [little one's](#) future toys and books well organized.

Choose Products with Safety Credentials

Everything in your [baby's room](#) **should be safe for them during all stages of life.**

While newborns may be relatively immobile, it won't be long before your [little one](#) is putting *everything* in their mouth. All products from [Nurture&](#) are made with non-toxic materials so you can rest assured that your teething baby chewing on their crib rail won't be ingesting any chemicals.

[Baby furniture](#) should be **durable** and **sturdy** for a growing, moving baby to grab onto and pull up on. Furniture that's more likely to tip should be anchored to the wall to keep it from falling over on a baby that's exploring.

Buy New When Possible

There are plenty of things that are great to get as hand-me-downs. **Furniture and other big items**—like car seats and strollers—shouldn't be among them.

When you use secondhand baby items, you can't ever know exactly what they've been through. Parts come loose or hardware is stripped after normal wear and tear. Purchasing second-hand also makes it difficult to know what **materials** the furniture is made of—an important aspect of building a gentle and safe environment for your little one.

Buy new, quality pieces **to ensure your baby's safety**, and register with the company whenever you can so you'll be informed of all product safety recalls.

Personalize Your Nursery

Creating a room for your baby isn't all about logistics. Take the time to find furniture you actually like and will look forward to using every day.

Choose **a theme or the colors you love** to accent your staple pieces. A tall bamboo floor lamp may fit your style more than a chrome table lamp.

Give your nursery a personal touch so your baby can grow up in a space that **feels like home**.

Nursery ([link](#))



Other Essential Items for Baby's Nursery

The furniture is the bones of your baby's room, but here are some other essentials you'll want to fill out the nursery with.

Crib Mattress

Every crib needs a mattress. Choose a mattress that is thin and firm. One that's too soft could restrict your baby's movement if they sink into it.

The [Lullaby Crib Mattress](#) is non-toxic and waterproof. It has a breathable cover that is also removable and washable.

Crib Sheets

The only baby bedding you need in the crib is a fitted sheet. [These](#) are made of 100% breathable cotton and come in a variety of colors and patterns. You will be doing a lot of laundry in those early days, so plan on purchasing at least two [crib sheets](#) upfront.

Some nursery bedding collections may also include [bumpers](#), quilts, or other plush add-ons that can be saved for the toddler years. The [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) recommends leaving loose bedding out of the crib until your baby is at least one year old.

Crib Sheets ([link](#))



Changing Pad

A [changing pad](#) is a thin cushion used on top of the area where you'll be handling [diaper changes](#).

The [Naturepedic Changing Pad](#) has a contoured design to help keep your baby in place while you're cleaning them up. It's made with a layer of 100% certified organic cotton that is completely waterproof to **easily wipe away any mess.**

Baby Monitor

You'll spend a lot of time in the nursery, but you want to be able to see and hear what's going on when you're not in there.

A baby monitor with audio and visual options allows you to check on your little one without accidentally waking them up by walking into the room.

Stroller

You may not keep a stroller in the nursery, but it's an **essential piece of gear** for taking your baby on the go.

Many strollers are designed to attach a car seat for a seamless transfer from car to stroller without waking a sleeping baby.

Toddler Bed

We're thinking of the long game here. When you already have a toddler bed in mind you're ready to make that transition the first time your baby climbs out of the crib.

As we mentioned earlier, a [convertible crib](#) that can be turned into a toddler bed **saves you the space** of having to store a second bed.

IMAGE #7 ([link](#))

The Crib Toddler Bed



When your baby is ready to take that step, you make a few simple adjustments to remove the crib rail and add a guard rail.

It's worth the investment when you add the bonus of not having to buy a new mattress.

Making decorating decisions to pull a nursery together for your **new baby** can be exhausting. Use this guide to help keep this an exciting experience! **Have fun** with it and feel confident in your **nursery ideas**. You're already making progress by researching the products in this article.

You can find more tips on nursery design [here](#).

At Nurture& we pride ourselves on creating premium, modern, and non-toxic furniture and baby essentials. [Click here](#) to shop the collection now.

