

Easy Baby Shower Gifts

These 3 gifts are easy to make. The second two would be great to bring along to the hospital when you go see Mom, Dad and the new arrival!

Dad's Waiting Gift Basket

- Fill a basket or a tote bag with goodies for Dad, such as a crossword puzzle book, some magazines, a yo-yo, Baby Ruth, Sugar Babies and other candy bars, plus a phone card to call friends and family.

This Day In History

- Fill a gift box with the daily newspaper plus several magazines from the day the baby was born.
- It's the child's own, personal time capsule; he or she will love being able to learn what was going on in the world at the moment of his/her arrival.
- To make it even more special, write a letter to the new arrival.
- Describe your views of the world and your hopes for a their life.

Snuggle Blanket

These large homemade receiving blankets are wonderful...and they're easy to make from soft cotton prints or flannelette.

- You'll need two pieces of fabric 1 1/3 yard each.
- Wash, dry, and cut two 45-inch squares.
- With right sides together, sew all the way around leaving an opening of about 6 inches on one side to turn the blanket right side out. Sew the opening by closed with whipstitching.
- Make it special with coordinating prints.
- For example, use a black and white cow print on one side and a matching cowboy baby print on the other side.
- Use rickrack sewn between the seams.
- Finish it by adding topstitching about one-half inch from the edge all the way around.