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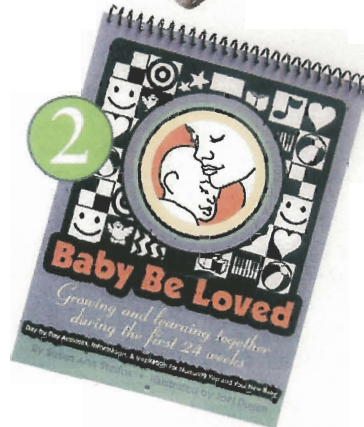
San Francisco moms talk about the baby presents that meant the most to them.

When you have your first baby, friends and relatives shower you with onesies and soft blankets in every possible pastel. And you ooh and aah, of course, over these teeny items. But the gifts you remember a few years later might be something different entirely: I loved the cache of baby booties, blankets and hats that my grandmother had made before she passed away. Though right now my daughter's favorite presents are toys that make loud noises, someday she'll enjoy rummaging through boxes of hand-knit sweaters, engraved rattles and other sentimental trinkets. With that in mind, I asked other moms across the city about their favorite baby gifts.

1. "A doggie security blanket from my brother and sister-in-law [www.farmgoodsforkids.com]. It's the most important thing in my daughter's world. We had a very close call in London, where we almost lost him in the middle of Piccadilly Circus! Since then, we've bought a second one as backup."—Lily Figuera, hat designer
2. "On the wall above my son Spencer's changing table is a day-by-day calendar called *Baby Be Loved* [by Susan Ann Stelfox, at www.amazon.com]. You can read a 'development tip for the day.' When you're sleep deprived, it's much easier to get your information in small doses."—Kendall Wilkinson, interior designer
3. "One of the most memorable and surprising gifts was a shirt that Michael Kors had made for my infant son at Charvet in Paris. It was a mini-men's dress shirt with my son's monogram on the chest."—Deborah Hampton, a local designer and former design director at Michael Kors
4. "My daughter was given a book called *My Very Own Name* [www.iseeme.com or 877-281-0536], telling a story about the meaning of her name. The best part is that she will know that this book was created for her."—Kristy Trabert, co-owner, Eric Trabert Goldsmiths
5. "I received a Day One gift certificate [415-440-3291 or www.dayonecenter.com] for five group sessions for new moms. It got me out of the house with the baby, which was huge."—Ruth Keyes, owner of Babykeyes.com, a website selling personalized baby gifts
6. "A couple of years ago, I had a baby shower for my friend Hilary Newsom Callan. I brought a calendar, and each of the 60 guests picked one night from Monday to Thursday to deliver dinner after Hilary's baby was born. She loved the visits, and she didn't have to cook dinner or go grocery shopping for a long time."—Lori Puccinelli Stern, San Francisco mom-about-town.



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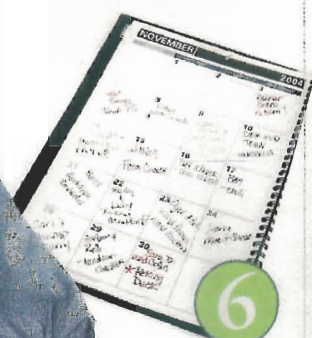
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