

# The baby's coming.

**TOP 10**

**Essential products you need when you're expecting**

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**P**reparing for your first baby is always a tricky business. Store people are always trying to sell you things that they tell you you'll need, your parents are giving you their advice, friends are giving their opinions and baby advertisements are everywhere you look. All of this can lead to you feeling confused, overwhelmed and just down right exhausted. So instead of feeling like this I've gone about asking reputable stores what the essentials are when preparing for your first baby and the result is a top 10 list of the items you must have in your house before your baby arrives.



**2**

**Morph Baby Carrier (€93)**

This will come in really handy when you want to leave the house with your newborn as it is a versatile parent harness and baby pod that fits up to a 51-inch waist. Both parent harnesses have wide, cushioned straps for maximum comfort and equal distribution of weight across the back and hips and you can buy the parent harnesses separately so that both you and your partner can share carrying your new baby without having to remove or resize the complete baby carrier.

Available in all **Mamas and Papas** stores nationwide



**3**

**10 Piece Starter Set (€20)**

This starter set is perfect for when you're in the hospital with your newborn as the set includes everything you'll need for the first few days. It includes three sleep suits, three body suits, one pair of mitts, and one pair of booties. Your baby will be kept cuddly and warm for his first few days. Available in all **Mothercare** stores nationwide



**1**

**Clevamama Soother Tree (€9.99)**

Recent studies have shown that a baby using a soother during sleep is at a lower risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. The Clevamama Soother Tree not only has a transparent lid to see how many soothers you have left, but it also allows you to sterilise six soothers in 60 seconds.

Available in **Smyths, Mothercare,** and pharmacies nationwide



**4**

**F10741 Britax Prince Car Seat (€99.99)**

A car seat is very important when you have a new baby so it's important to get a good one that will protect your baby at all times. This Lightweight Group 1 Car Seat is perfect for newborn to three year old babies and it features a soft padded seat with washable cover, three recline positions and side impact protection. Your baby should be safe as houses in it. Available in all **Smyths** stores nationwide



**5**

**F11808 Bella Cot (€129.99)**

A cot is another essential for your baby and it's worth spending a bit extra to get one so you have peace of mind that your bundle of joy is safe at all times. The Bella Cot is made from solid pine, features a drop side, three position mattress base, teething rails and is also available in white. (Mattress and bedding not included). Your baby will be doing a lot of sleeping so make sure he/she has a comfortable cot to sleep in. The Bella Cot is available in all **Smyths** stores now