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HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

LITTLE TYKES

While you're wading through a list of gift ideas, don't forget the newest members of your family or circle of friends. Infants might not have the faintest idea about holidays and wouldn't be upset if nothing is under the tree for them, but giving is good, and parents appreciate practical gifts to aid their infant's developmental process. Here are a few ideas for the new baby:

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▲ The **Taggies Holiday Gift Set** comes with a baby blanket, plush puppy dog, plush ball, and a triangle to clip onto a crib or stroller. Bright colors and different patterns and textures help a baby's development of sight and touch. **Target, \$30.**



▲ The **Fisher-Price Peek & Roll Ball** lets babies hear squeaking sounds and play peek-a-boo with the toy's silly characters. A wobble urges the child to crawl after the rolling ball. **Kohl's, \$8.**



▲ **Vtech Sit-to-Stand Learning Walker** helps babies move from crawling and sitting to standing. It's decorated with spinning flowers, piano keys, and a telephone handset to keep baby occupied. **Toys R Us, \$30.**

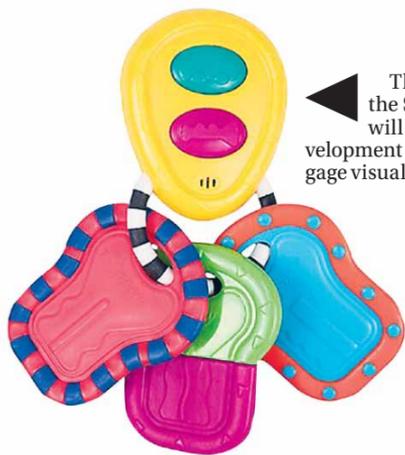


▲ Get the little ones ready for all of those holiday family photos. **Long-sleeve body suits** with "eat, sleep, & be merry," \$9, Old Navy. A **one-piece coverall** with striped attached sleeves, Rudolph covered footies and Rudolph, Santa, and an elf on the front, \$20, Dillard's. Girls' dresses with mesh, tutus, sequins, prices vary, Macy's. Other cute dress-up clothes include a **red ruffle cord dress**, \$37, pink bow dress, \$25, orange pleated cord dress, \$25, Baby Gap. For the young man in your life, boys bow tie coveralls in slate gray are available for \$30, (\$17 if on sale) Macy's, and boys body suits come in a range of stripes, plaids, and solid colors in a range of prices, Baby Gap.



▲ The new baby in your family won't be the first to reach for the computer keyboard as mom or dad type on it, so why not get one for the youngster? The **Vtech Baby Bear Laptop** has melodies, entertaining sounds, a computer mouse, and a carrying handle just like mom's and dad's. **Sears, \$13.**

For more toys that mimic the real thing: **The Leap-Frog Chat & Count Phone** is similar to a smart phone, \$11. A **LeapFrog My Own Leaptop** can connect to the Internet and amuse children and also introduces them to the alphabet, animals, and music. **Walmart \$22.**



▲ The dynamic sounds on the **Sassy Electronic Keys** will aid baby's hearing development while colorful keys engage visually. **Walgreens, \$6.**



▲ The fabric on **Tummy Time mats** comes in a variety of colors, prints, and patterns. From Fisher-Price, they help babies develop neck and shoulder muscles. **Babies R Us, \$30.**



▲ The **Fisher-Price Classic Infant Trio** gift set helps babies' eye-hand development and ability to identify different shapes. It includes a rock-a-stack for babies to sort and stack rings, 10 brightly colored blocks to drop into a bucket through a shape-sorting lid, and an eight-key xylophone. **Kmart, \$25.**



▲ Gifts that mark baby's first Christmas are something families pass down to future generations. You can purchase a **Baby's First Christmas ornament** at Hallmark or Pottery Barn. Prices vary but average between \$10 and \$20. And **First Christmas Booties** are available for around \$32 at Macy's. Or consider a simple **white shirt** with "best gift ever" or "my first New Year," \$9 each, Old Navy.

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