

The Baby Light It Clip is a lighted nail clipper that lets parents clip baby's nails while they sleep, without worrying about drawing blood! \$14.95; www.babylightclip.com.

Wedgiz, No, this isn't a Captain Underpants try spin-off. This plastic outlet plug remover allows you to take out outlet covers without damaging them - or injuring yourself! No excuse for using a fork (bad idea) again. \$3.99; wedgiz.com



Soft Baby Diapers

### THE PERFECT SHOWER GIFT

By the time most women have baby showers, they're seven or eight months along - and they could use some TLC. The Motherlove Baby Gift Box nurtures both the baby-to-be and mom. Motherlove uses certified organic ingredients to make products that are free of preservatives and artificial fragrances - and they smell heavenly. This gift set includes "Baby Me" Bath soak, Birth It Baby Massage Oil (for labor and infant massage), Birth It Baby Spritz (a light citrus scent), Diaper Rash Cream (also good for sore nipples!) and an organic cotton baby t-shirt. \$49.95; www.motherlove.com.

The last 10 years have brought an abundance of product options for parents who want to stay close to their babes - while still being comfortable. Kimberly Bepler of ABC Doula Service recommends these:

**Kangaroo Kormer Adjustable Fleece Pouch.** This carrier ranks high for its ease of use and comfort. Parents can use it with newborns through 35 lbs and it's adjustable so you can buy one and use it for both parents. And babies love it! \$62 to \$66; www.kangarookormer.com.

**BabyHawk Mei Tai Carrier.** Bepler likes this carrier for its ability to hold very heavy children (up to 50 pounds). You can tie a baby on front, back or side, and, while some parents are intimidated by the straps at first, they'll find that this carrier is actually easy to use. A great option for those with bad backs or neck/shoulder trouble. \$80 to \$85; www.babyhawk.com.



Adjustable Mei Tai Carrier

**Gypsy Mama Water Wrap.** This is a basic wrap style carrier with a twist: you can wear it in the water and it also provides 93 percent sun protection. It's simple and light, and packs up into small spaces. A plus: it looks almost elegant to wear. \$49.50; www.gypsymama.com.

Bepler adds that, while wrap carriers have a longer learning curve, they work great in any number of ties, fit any body size, and distribute weight so that even those with a bad back can carry baby comfortably. Other options she recommends are the Moby Wrap and Baby Burdler.

A caution from Bepler: "Wait to see what kind of baby you have and find a carrier that works for them specifically (you might love the fabric on something, but if it doesn't fit right, it will not help you or your child). Start with one carrier (I recommend a pouch for simplicity) and then as your child grows and you learn more about them, buy what makes sense for that stage."



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