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NEWBORN CARE GUIDE





THE FIRST WEEK HOME



Welcome to the world of parenthood! The first week at home with your newborn is an incredibly special and tender time. It's filled with new experiences, sweet bonding moments, and—let's be honest—a bit of overwhelm too. This chapter is here to help you feel prepared, supported, and confident as you ease into your new rhythm.



What to Expect Emotionally

- **A Rollercoaster of Feelings:** It's totally normal to feel joy, love, anxiety, exhaustion, and everything in between—all in the same hour.
- **Bonding Takes Time:** Don't worry if the connection with your baby doesn't feel instant. Bonding is a process, not a moment.
- **Postpartum Recovery:** If you've given birth, remember you are healing too. Be gentle with yourself.

Baby's Basic Needs

- **Feeding:** Whether you're breastfeeding, pumping, or formula feeding, newborns typically eat every 2–3 hours. Follow baby's cues and don't hesitate to ask for support.
- **Sleeping:** Expect lots of short naps—newborns sleep around 16–18 hours a day, but not always at convenient times!
- **Diapering:** You'll change 8–12 diapers a day. Wet and dirty Diapers are signs that baby is feeding well.

Tips for a Calmer First Week



- **Limit Visitors:** Give yourself space to rest and bond before hosting guests.
- **Accept Help:** Say yes to meals, tidying, or someone holding the baby while you nap or shower.
- **Keep Baby Close:** Skin-to-skin contact and babywearing can calm your baby and boost your confidence.
- **Trust Your Instincts:** You're the expert on your baby, even if it doesn't feel like it yet.

Nighttime Realities

- The nights can feel long and disorienting.
- Try:
- Keeping lights low and voices soft.
 - Taking shifts with your partner if possible.
 - Reminding yourself: this is a season, not forever.

Best Tracking Apps

- Nara
- Sprout
- Tally Baby

Gentle Reminders

- You don't have to "get it perfect." Your baby just needs you—fed, loved, and safe.
- Reach out to your midwife, health visitor, or postnatal support team with any concerns.
- Take photos, write a few notes, or simply be – these first days are fleeting.

BRINGING BABY HOME

CHECKLIST

Everything you'll actually use - and be glad to have!

For Baby

Sleep & Comfort

- ❑ Moses basket, bassinet, or bedside crib
- ❑ Firm, flat mattress with fitted sheet (2-3 extras for spit-ups!)
- ❑ Swaddle wraps or newborn sleeping bags (2-3)
- ❑ White noise machine or app
- ❑ Soft, breathable baby blankets

Clothing (0-3 Months)

- ❑ 6-8 onesies/bodysuits
- ❑ 4-6 sleepsuits (with built-in mittens are a win!)
- ❑ Cotton hats (for warmth after baths or outings)
- ❑ Scratch mittens (if not built-in)
- ❑ 4-6 pairs of socks
- ❑ Weather-appropriate going-home outfit

Diapering

- ❑ Newborn Diapers (at least 1 full pack to start)
- ❑ Baby wipes or cotton pads + warm water (gentler for newborn skin)
- ❑ Diaper cream (zinc-based is great for preventing rashes)

- ❑ Changing mat or portable change station

- ❑ Diaper bin or wet bag (or just a dedicated small bin with lid)

Feeding

- ❑ 5-6 bottles (if formula or pumping)
- ❑ Sterilizer (microwave or electric)
- ❑ Formula or expressed breastmilk storage bags (if using)
- ❑ Burp cloths/muslin squares (at least 6-10)
- ❑ Nursing pillow (helps with comfort during feeding)
- ❑ Breast pads (reusable or disposable)
- ❑ Nipple cream (lanolin or natural alternatives)
- ❑ Water bottle + snacks for you—you'll need them!

Bath & Care

Baby bath or bath support for sink/tub

- ❑ Gentle baby wash and shampoo
- ❑ Soft baby towels (hooded optional)
- ❑ Soft baby hairbrush
- ❑ Nail clippers or baby nail file
- ❑ Digital thermometer
- ❑ Baby first aid kit (thermometer, saline drops, nasal aspirator, etc.)

Travel & Outings

Infant car seat (must-have for hospital discharge)

- ❑ Pram/stroller with bassinet or lay-flat option
- ❑ Baby carrier/sling (great for hands-free bonding)
- ❑ Diaper bag stocked with:

- ❑ Diapers
- ❑ Wipes
- ❑ Changing mat
- ❑ Change of baby clothes
- ❑ Muslins
- ❑ Hand sanitizer

For Mom

- ❑ Maternity pads (more than you think!)
- ❑ Comfy underwear (high-waisted and breathable)
- ❑ Peri bottle (if vaginal birth)
- ❑ Nipple cream and breast pads
- ❑ Supportive nursing bras or comfy bralettes
- ❑ Snacks + meals prepped/frozen
- ❑ Cosy robe or cardigan (for chilly night feeds)
- ❑ Big water bottle (hydration is key!)

Mental & Emotional

- ❑ List of helpful contacts: midwife, lactation consultant, health visitor
- ❑ Support app or mum group (Peanut, Mush, WhatsApp chats)



CARING FOR A NEWBORN

The Basics

FEEDING

Newborns typically feed every **2–3 hours**, whether breastfed or formula-fed. Look for feeding cues such as lip-smacking, rooting, or sucking on hands—these are signs your baby is hungry. Responsive feeding (feeding on demand) helps build trust and supports healthy growth. After each feed, burp your baby gently to release air and reduce discomfort.



Every 2-3 Hours



SLEEP

Newborns sleep around 14–17 hours in a 24-hour period, often in short bursts. Always place your baby on their back to sleep, on a firm, flat surface free from pillows, blankets, and toys. This reduces the risk of SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome). Keep the sleep space in the same room as you for at least the first 6 months.



DIAPERING & HYGIENE

Expect **6–10 wet diapers** per day and multiple bowel movements in the early weeks. Change diapers promptly to prevent rashes and gently clean the area with fragrance-free wipes or warm water. Keep the umbilical cord stump clean and dry until it naturally falls off.



6-10 a day

SOOTHING & BONDING

Crying is a newborn's way of communicating. Try calming techniques such as swaddling, holding skin-to-skin, rocking, or using white noise. Responding consistently to your baby's needs helps build a secure attachment and supports emotional development.



HEALTH & SAFETY

Wash your hands before handling your baby, keep up with routine checkups, and watch for signs of illness such as fever, poor feeding, or unusual lethargy. Trust your instincts—if something feels off, contact a healthcare professional.





UNDERSTANDING NEWBORN SLEEP & SAFE SLEEPING TIPS

Newborn sleep is different from adult sleep—and it often surprises first-time parents. Understanding how your baby sleeps can help you feel more confident and prepared during the early weeks and months.

How Much Do Newborns Sleep?

Newborns typically sleep 14–17 hours per day, but this is spread out across short periods, usually lasting 2–4 hours at a time. Their sleep patterns are irregular because their internal body clock (circadian rhythm) is not yet developed.



**14-17
HOURS A
DAY**

What Does Normal Sleep Look Like?

Newborns have two main stages of sleep:

- Active Sleep (REM): Light sleep with rapid eye movement, facial twitches, and irregular breathing. Babies may stir or make noises but are still asleep.
- Quiet Sleep (Non-REM): Deep, still sleep with slower breathing and less movement.

It's common for newborns to:

- Wake frequently to feed
 - Grunt, squirm, or even cry briefly in their sleep
 - Confuse day and night at first
- This is all normal and usually settles by 6–12 weeks.

Safe Sleep Guidelines

To reduce the risk of SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome), follow these safety basics:

- Always place baby on their back to sleep
- Use a firm, flat mattress with no pillows, duvets, or soft toys
- Keep the crib or Moses basket in your room for at least the first 6 months
- Avoid overheating—dress baby in light layers and keep the room at 16–20°C (60–68°F)

Day & Night Confusion: What Helps?

It's normal for babies to mix up day and night in the beginning. You can gently help them adjust by:

- Keeping daytime bright and active
- Keeping nighttime quiet and dim
- Using a consistent bedtime routine (e.g. bath, gentle music, cuddles)



Newborn sleep isn't about long stretches—it's about nurturing rest and safety. Follow your baby's cues, rest when you can, and know that sleep patterns gradually improve with time and gentle guidance.



FEEDING CUES & HUNGER SIGNALS



Feeding your baby on demand—rather than by the clock—is one of the most responsive and effective ways to support their growth, development, and emotional security. Recognizing early hunger cues helps reduce stress for both you and your baby and leads to more successful feeding.

Why Feeding Cues Matter

Crying is often a late sign of hunger. By learning to spot earlier cues, you can feed your baby before they become too upset, making the experience calmer and more comfortable for everyone.

Early Hunger Cues (I'm hungry soon)

These are gentle signs your baby is starting to feel hungry:

- Stirring from sleep
- Mouth opening or smacking lips
- Turning head from side to side (rooting)
- Bringing hands to face or mouth

Tip: Offer a feed when you notice these cues to avoid distress.



Hands to face



Mouth opening



Head turning

Active Hunger Cues (I'm ready to eat now!)

Signs your baby is actively asking to be fed:

- Sucking on fingers, fists, or clothing
- Making sucking or soft cooing noises
- Becoming more alert and fidgety
- Rooting more actively toward the breast or bottle



Sucking on fingers



Fidgeting



Turning towards breast

Late Hunger Cues (I'm really hungry!)

These signs show baby is distressed and very hungry:

- Crying or fussing
- Frantic movements
- Turning red or stiffening body

Tip: Calm your baby with cuddles or gentle rocking before offering a feed if they've reached this stage.



Crying



Frantic movements



Turning red

How Often Should I Feed My Baby?

Newborns typically feed:

- Every 2–3 hours, or 8–12 times per 24 hours
- Whenever they show signs of hunger (even if recently fed)
- More often during growth spurts or cluster feeding



Every 2–3 Hours

Signs That Feeding Went Well

After a good feed, your baby should:

- Appear relaxed or sleepy
- Release the nipple/bottle on their own
- Have regular wet and dirty Diapers
- Gain weight steadily over time



Feeding is also about comfort, bonding, and connection. Whether you're breastfeeding, bottle-feeding, or using a combination, tuning into your baby's signals builds trust and helps you respond with confidence.



HOW TO BURP A BABY



Burping helps your baby release air swallowed during feeding, which can reduce discomfort, fussiness, and spit-up. Some babies need to burp frequently, while others do so naturally with little assistance. Learning a few gentle techniques can make feeding time smoother for you both.

Why Is Burping Important?



During feeding—especially bottle feeding—babies can swallow air. If not released, this trapped air may cause:

- Gassiness or bloating
- Fussiness during or after feeds
- Spitting up or discomfort when lying down

Burping helps to relieve these symptoms and keeps your baby comfortable.

When to Burp

Breastfed babies:

- Burp when switching breasts and at the end of the feed.

Bottle-fed babies:

- Burp every 2–3 ounces and again after feeding.

Every baby is different—some may need burping more frequently, some less.



Effective Burping Positions

Choose a position that works best for you and your baby:

1. Over the Shoulder

- Hold baby upright with their chin resting on your shoulder.
- Support their bottom with one hand.
- Gently pat or rub their back with the other hand.

2. Sitting on Your Lap

- Sit baby on your lap facing sideways.
- Support their chest and head with one hand, keeping their chin slightly forward (not slumped).
- Use your other hand to gently pat their back.

3. Lying Across Your Lap

- Lay baby across your lap on their tummy.
- Support their head to keep it slightly elevated.
- Gently pat or rub their back.



Tips for Success

- Use a soft cloth or muslin under baby's chin in case they spit up.
- Be patient—it may take a few minutes.
- Try rubbing in circular motions if patting doesn't work.
- If your baby doesn't burp after a few minutes but seems content, it's okay to stop.

When to Be Concerned

Contact your healthcare provider if your baby:

- Cries excessively during or after feeds
- Spits up large amounts frequently
- Shows signs of discomfort even after burping



Final Note

Burping is a helpful part of your baby's feeding routine, not a strict rule. With time, you'll get to know what your baby needs and when. Keep it gentle, calm, and responsive.



UMBILICAL CORD CARE

The umbilical cord connects your baby to the placenta during pregnancy, delivering oxygen and nutrients. After birth, the cord is clamped and cut, leaving a small stump that naturally dries and falls off—usually within 1–3 weeks. Proper care helps prevent infection and promotes healing.

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How to Care for the Cord Stump

Keep it clean:

- Gently wipe around the base with clean water and a cotton pad if it becomes dirty.
- Avoid using alcohol or antiseptics unless advised by your healthcare provider.

2

Keep it dry:

- Fold your baby's diaper below the stump to keep it exposed to air.
- Choose loose-fitting clothing that allows airflow.
- Avoid baths until the stump falls off—stick to sponge baths instead.

3

Let it fall off naturally:

- Don't pull or tug at the stump, even if it looks like it's hanging on by a thread.
- It may bleed a little when it falls off—that's normal.



When to Call a Healthcare Provider

Watch for signs of infection:

- Red, swollen skin around the base
- Yellow or foul-smelling discharge
- Bleeding that doesn't stop
- Baby seems in pain when the area is touched
- Fever or signs of illness

If any of these appear, contact your midwife, health visitor, or GP right away.



Key Reminders

- The stump usually falls off between 7 and 21 days after birth.
- No need for special creams or powders.
- Trust the process—simple care is often best.

Umbilical cord care is quick and simple—just keep it clean, dry, and let nature do the rest. If you're ever unsure, don't hesitate to reach out to your healthcare provider.



BABY BATHING & HYGEINE 101

Bathing your baby can feel a bit nerve-wracking at first—but with a little prep and know-how, it can become a calm, bonding experience for both of you. Here's everything you need to know to get started confidently.

When to Start Bathing Your Newborn

- First few days: Stick to sponge baths until the umbilical cord stump falls off (usually by 1–2 weeks old).
- After that: You can introduce a gentle tub bath in a baby bath seat or small plastic tub.



How Often Should You Bathe a Baby?

- **Newborns only need a bath 2–3 times a week.**
- Daily baths can dry out their sensitive skin.
- Clean baby's face, neck, hands, and diaper area daily with a warm washcloth.



What You'll Need

Set everything up before you start:

- Baby bathtub or clean basin
- Soft washcloths
- Mild, fragrance-free baby soap/shampoo
- A cup for rinsing
- Hooded towel
- Clean diaper and clothes

Optional: soft brush for cradle cap, bath thermometer

TIP: The water should be warm (around 37–38°C / 98–100°F)—not hot!

Step-by-Step Bathing Guide

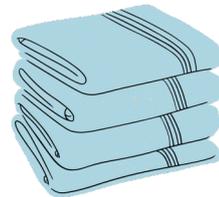
1. Prep the room
 - Warm the room to about 24°C (75°F). Babies can get cold quickly.
2. Fill the tub
 - 2–3 inches of warm water is enough. Always test the temperature with your elbow or a bath thermometer.
3. Undress baby gently
 - Hold baby securely with one hand supporting their head and neck.
4. Gently clean
 - Place a soft and large washcloth (or small towel) over their belly/chest area during bath. Continue pouring warm water over it to keep them warm and comforted.
 - Start with the face (no soap), then shampoo hair if needed. Use mild soap for body, especially creases. Always rinse carefully and avoid getting soap in eyes.
5. Dry and cuddle
 - Wrap your baby in a towel *immediately*.
 - Pat dry thoroughly, especially in skin folds.
 - Diaper, dress, and enjoy some cuddle time!

Bathing Essentials



Bath Time Tips

- Never leave baby unattended, even for a second.
- Talk or sing to baby—it soothes them and makes bath time more fun.
- Cradle cap? Use a soft baby brush during bath time to gently loosen flakes.
- If baby hates the bath, try sponge baths on a towel until they adjust.



Final thoughts

Bath time doesn't need to be perfect—it's about connection, care, and building routines. With patience and a gentle approach, you'll both start to enjoy this special time together.



UNDERSTANDING NEWBORN POOP



Newborn poop might not be the most glamorous part of parenting, but it's one of the best ways to keep track of your baby's health in those early weeks. Let's break down what's normal, what to expect, and when to seek help.

1. Meconium (Days 1-2)

- Color: Black or dark green
- Texture: Thick, sticky, tar-like
- Meaning: Baby's first poop – made of amniotic fluid, skin cells, and other stuff from the womb. Totally normal.

2. Transition Poop (Days 2-4)

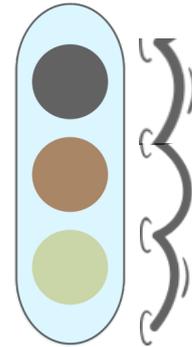
- Color: Dark green to greenish-brown
- Texture: Softer than meconium, less sticky
- Meaning: Baby is starting to digest milk. Poop is changing as milk replaces colostrum.

3. Breastfed Baby Poop (Day 4 onward)

- Color: Mustard yellow, sometimes greenish or brown
- Texture: Seedy, runny or soft
- Smell: Mild (not unpleasant)
- Meaning: Healthy poop for breastfed babies.

4. Formula-Fed Baby Poop

- Color: Yellow, tan, or brown
- Texture: Pasty or peanut butter-like
- Smell: Stronger than breastfed baby poop
- Meaning: Normal for formula-fed babies.



Day 1-4: Poop gradually changes from black → green → mustard yellow / tan

Poop Colors: What's Normal?

Yellow: Very normal for breastfed babies

Brown or tan: Common in formula-fed babies

Green: Can happen during growth spurts or changes in diet—usually not a concern

Dark green/black: Normal for first few days (meconium), but should stop after day 3-4

When to Consult your doctor: Red, white, or black after day 5

Frequency: How Often Should My Newborn Poop?

- In the first week, most babies poop 3-5+ times a day
- After 4-6 weeks, some babies poop after every feed, others only once every few days
- Less frequent poops can still be normal if baby is gaining weight and the poop is soft



3-5
Times a
Day



When to Call the Doctor

Contact your healthcare provider if you notice:

- Blood in the stool
- White or gray poop
- Sudden, persistent diarrhea
- Hard, pebble-like poop (sign of constipation)
- No poop at all for 3+ days in a newborn

Tips for Monitoring Baby's Bowel Movements

- Keep a diaper log during the first few weeks to track changes
- Watch baby's behavior: Discomfort, crying, or straining could indicate a problem
- Look for consistency: Sudden, drastic changes are more important than small day-to-day variations

Bottom line

Newborn poop is surprisingly helpful in understanding your baby's health. While it may seem strange or unpredictable at first, you'll soon get used to the different textures, colors, and patterns.

Trust your instincts—if something doesn't seem right, it's always okay to ask your midwife or pediatrician.





DIAPER CHANGING GUIDE

Changing diapers is one of the most frequent (and essential!) tasks in your baby's early months. With a little preparation, it can be smooth, quick, and even a bonding moment.



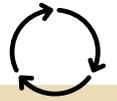
What You'll Need

Have everything ready before you begin to avoid leaving baby unattended:

- Clean diaper
- Baby wipes or warm washcloths
- Diaper cream (if needed)
- Disposable bag or diaper bin
- Changing mat or clean, soft surface
- Spare outfit (just in case!)

How Often Should You Change a Diaper?

- Newborns: Every 2–3 hours or as soon as the diaper is soiled (even at night)
- Dirty diaper? Always change immediately to avoid rashes or discomfort
- Wipes not enough? A quick warm-water rinse can help after messy poops



EVERY 2-3 HOURS

Step-by-Step Diaper Change

- Lay baby down on the changing mat or clean, safe surface
- Unfasten the dirty diaper—but don't remove it just yet
- Gently clean from front to back, especially for baby girls (prevents infection)
- Lift baby's legs and slide out the dirty diaper
- Apply barrier cream if needed, especially if baby has redness or irritation
- Place a clean diaper under baby's bottom and fasten snugly—not too tight
- Dispose of the dirty diaper in a bin or bag
- Wash your hands (or use sanitizer if you're out and about)

Pro Tips

- Distract baby with a toy or sing a song to keep them calm
- Use a clean wipe for each pass—especially for poopy diapers
- Always keep one hand on baby if you're using a raised changing table
- Blow on the skin for a few seconds to make sure they're completely dry before putting on the new diaper





DIAPER RASH SUPPORT



There are different types of diaper rash, and what might seem like diaper rash but could be something to discuss with your pediatrician. Below you will find examples and how to support them.



Allergic dermatitis in diaper area



Allergic contact dermatitis occurs when the skin reacts to a substance that touches it. Culprits can include substances found in diapers or baby wipes. Try switching out diapers/wipes to see if it improves. Apply protective barrier cream.

Yeast Infection



Yeast (Candida) infection in the diaper area commonly appears as redness with little red bumps and pus bumps at the periphery of the rash. It's usually easily treated, visit pediatrician to receive a cream, have diaper free time throughout the day.

Contact Dermatitis



A common cause of a diaper rash in a baby is irritant contact dermatitis. The best way to avoid this is with a good barrier cream (high zinc oxide) and frequent diaper changes. Diaper free time throughout the day. Breastmilk baths may help.



Our favorite barrier ointments. Maty's is petroleum free and can be used with daily diaper changes to be a protective barrier against any diaper rash's. It can be used elsewhere on the body as well. Boudreux's Butt Paste is great, and Babo Botanicals has clean ingredients & works well.

Pro Tip:
As soon as you notice any of the above diaper rash's, apply high zinc-oxide diaper cream (except for yeast infection) and remove diaper. Have baby lightly wrapped in a muslin blanket to keep warm, and place a waterproof changing pad underneath them wherever they are in the house so pee/poo does not leak.





SWADDLING INSTRUCTIONS



Swaddling is a simple, time-tested way to help calm your newborn and promote better sleep. It mimics the snug feeling of the womb, helping babies feel secure in their new world. Here's everything you need to know to swaddle safely and effectively.

What You'll Need

- A lightweight, breathable blanket (muslin or cotton works best)
- A flat, safe surface (like a changing mat, bed, or crib mattress)



Step-by-Step Swaddling Instructions

Step 1: Prepare the Blanket Lay the blanket flat in a diamond shape. Fold the top corner down about 6 inches to create a straight edge. This is where your baby's shoulders will rest. **Step 2: Position Your Baby** Lay your baby on their back with shoulders just below the folded edge. Keep one hand gently on their chest for support. **Step 3: Wrap the Left Side** Take the left side of the blanket and bring it across your baby's chest. Tuck it securely under the right side of their body and back. Keep your baby's left arm snug at their side or bent with the hand near their face. **Step 4: Fold the Bottom** Fold the bottom of the blanket up over the feet. Make sure there's room for the hips and legs to move freely—this helps prevent hip dysplasia. **Step 5: Wrap the Right Side** Bring the right side of the blanket across your baby's body and tuck it under the left side. Your baby should now be snugly swaddled with both arms secured.

Helpful Hints

- If baby dislikes arms-in swaddling, try leaving arms out or swaddling with arms bent near the face for comfort
- Some babies sleep better unswaddled—follow your baby's cues
- Practice makes perfect! It may take a few tries to get the swaddle snug but safe

Swaddling Safety Tips

- Always place your baby on their back for all naps and bedtime
- Don't wrap too tightly, especially around the hips and chest—your baby should be able to breathe and move their legs
- Stop swaddling by 8 weeks or as soon as your baby shows signs of rolling over
- Avoid overheating: Use a light blanket and dress baby in minimal layers underneath

Swaddling can be a calming part of your baby's bedtime routine when done with care and attention to safety. If you're unsure whether your baby likes being swaddled, try for a few naps and adjust as needed.





TUMMY TIME TIPS



Tummy time is essential for your baby's development. It helps strengthen the neck, shoulders, arms, and back—key muscles needed for rolling, crawling, and sitting. Here's how to make it a safe, fun, and stress-free part of your baby's daily routine.

What Is Tummy Time?

Tummy time means placing your baby on their stomach while they're awake and supervised. It counteracts the time spent lying on their back and helps prevent flat head syndrome (positional plagiocephaly).

When to Start

- Begin tummy time from day one—as soon as you're home from the hospital.
- Start with 1–2 minutes at a time, a few times a day.
- Gradually build up to 20–30 minutes a day by around 3 months old.

How to Do Tummy Time

Start simple:

1. Lay baby on a safe surface (like a play mat, blanket, or your chest)
2. Always supervise closely
3. Use a rolled-up towel under baby's chest if they're struggling at first
4. Try after a nap or diaper change, when baby is alert but calm
5. Place baby in short, frequent sessions throughout the day

Fun Ways to Encourage Tummy Time

- Lie down with your baby face-to-face and talk or sing to them
- Use high-contrast toys or mirrors to catch their attention
- Tummy-to-chest: Lay baby on your chest while you recline—it counts!
- Add gentle background music or soft textures under their hands

Safety Tips

- Only do tummy time when baby is awake and supervised
- Never leave baby alone on their tummy—even for a moment
- Avoid tummy time right after feeding to reduce the risk of spit-up

Tips for Success

- Be patient—some babies don't love tummy time at first
- Stay consistent: short and often is better than long and rare
- If baby fusses, try a different position or surface (like your lap or chest)
- Gradually increase time as your baby gets stronger and more confident



Tummy time may feel challenging at first, but it plays a big role in your baby's development. With consistency and encouragement, your baby will grow to enjoy it—and you'll get to witness their progress firsthand!



SOOTHING A FUSSY BABY



Caring for a fussy baby can feel overwhelming, especially when you're doing everything you can to comfort them. This guide is here to help you understand common causes of fussiness and explore simple, effective ways to soothe your baby with confidence and calm.



Wrap baby snugly in a soft, breathable blanket to mimic the womb.

This helps reduce startling and promotes calmness. (Only swaddle when baby is awake or sleeping on their back—never tummy.)

Soothe With Movement

Babies often love gentle motion:

- Rock in a chair
- Sway while holding them
- Use a baby carrier for skin-to-skin walking
- Try a stroller or car ride if safe and convenient



Create a Calming Sound

White noise mimics the sounds of the womb and can soothe your baby quickly:

- A white noise machine or app
- A fan or vacuum
- Soft shushing sounds made by you



Offer Comfort Sucking

If your baby has already been fed, a clean pacifier or sucking on their own hand may help self-soothe.



Use Your Voice

Babies are comforted by the sound of their caregiver's voice:

- Talk or sing softly
- Hum a lullaby
- Reassure them with a calm, steady tone



Try the "Hold + Pat" Combo

- Hold baby upright against your chest
- Gently pat or rub their back in slow, rhythmic motions
- Add a soft bounce or sway for extra comfort



Offer a Calm Environment

- Dim the lights
- Reduce noise and stimulation
- Hold baby in a quiet room or safe, familiar space

When to Seek Help

Call your pediatrician if:

- Baby is crying for more than 3 hours and nothing helps
- Crying sounds different or high-pitched
- Baby has a fever, rash, or signs of illness
- You feel overwhelmed—your well-being matters too



Remember: fussiness is part of babyhood, and it doesn't mean you're doing anything wrong. You're learning together, and with time, it gets easier. Trust your instincts, and don't hesitate to ask for help when you need it.



SIGNS OF ILLNESS



As a new parent, it's natural to worry about your baby's health. While many changes are normal, some signs can indicate your baby needs medical attention. Knowing what to watch for helps you act quickly and keep your little one safe.

Common Signs of Illness

1. Fever

- A temperature of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher in babies under 3 months is a medical emergency.
- For older babies, fever with irritability, poor feeding, or lethargy should prompt a call to your doctor.

2. Unusual Crying or Fussiness

- High-pitched, weak, or continuous crying that's different from usual
- Excessive irritability or inconsolable crying despite comforting efforts

3. Breathing Difficulties

- Fast or labored breathing
- Flaring nostrils or grunting
- Blue or pale lips, face, or extremities
- Persistent coughing or wheezing

4. Feeding Problems

- Refusing to feed or poor sucking
- Vomiting repeatedly or forcefully (projectile vomiting)
- Diarrhea lasting more than 24 hours or with blood/mucus

5. Changes in Behavior or Alertness

- Excessive sleepiness or difficulty waking
- Limpness or floppy muscles
- Lack of responsiveness or no eye contact

6. Skin Changes

- Rash that doesn't fade with pressure (press test)
- Yellowing of skin or eyes (jaundice)
- Swelling, redness, or discharge around umbilical stump or eyes



When to Seek Emergency Care Immediately

- Baby under 3 months with a fever
- Difficulty breathing or blue lips
- Seizures or convulsions
- Continuous vomiting or diarrhea causing dehydration
- Unresponsiveness or extreme lethargy

Any sudden or severe symptoms that worry you

When to Contact Your Pediatrician

- Fever in babies older than 3 months lasting more than 48 hours
- Persistent vomiting or diarrhea
- Signs of dehydration (few wet diapers, dry mouth, sunken eyes)
- Skin rash accompanied by fever or spreading quickly
- Any new or unusual symptoms that concern you

Tips for Monitoring Your Baby's Health

- Keep a diary of symptoms, feeding, and diaper changes
- Trust your instincts—parents know their babies best
- Don't hesitate to reach out to healthcare professionals with questions or concerns

Your baby can't tell you what's wrong, but by watching for these signs, you can help ensure they get care when needed. Early attention can make all the difference.



CLOTHING & TEMPERATURE GUIDE



General Rule:

Dress your baby in one more layer than you are wearing.



Cold Weather (Below 60°F / 15°C)

- Long-sleeve onesie or bodysuit
- Warm pants or footed pajamas
- Sweater or fleece jacket
- Hat and mittens (indoors if very cold)
- Socks or booties
- Outer layer: warm coat or bunting for outside



Mild Weather (60°F–75°F / 15°C–24°C)

- Short or long-sleeve onesie
- Light pants or leggings
- Light sweater or jacket as needed
- Socks or booties



Warm Weather (Above 75°F / 24°C)

- Lightweight short-sleeve onesie or romper
- No socks unless indoors with air conditioning
- Sun hat for outdoor time
- Use breathable, natural fabrics like cotton or muslin



Sleeping Temperature & Clothing

- Room temperature ideally between 68°F and 72°F (20°C–22°C)
- Use a wearable sleep sack or swaddle instead of loose blankets
- Dress baby in a light bodysuit or pajamas inside the sleep sack

Avoid overheating: signs include sweating, flushed cheeks, or damp hair



Tips to Check Baby's Comfort

- Feel the back of your baby's neck or tummy – hands and feet are often cooler and don't reflect overall body temperature
- Adjust layers if your baby feels too warm or cool
- Keep hats off indoors to avoid overheating



Safety Reminders

- **Never overdress baby—overheating increases the risk of SIDS**
- **Avoid loose blankets in cribs; opt for safe sleepwear instead**
- **Change baby's clothes promptly if they become damp from sweat or spills**

NEWBORN REFLEXES EXPLAINED

Newborn babies are born with several automatic reflexes that help them survive and develop. These reflexes are involuntary movements triggered by specific stimuli and are a sign that your baby's nervous system is healthy and developing well.

What Are Reflexes?

Imagine a gentle tap to your kneecap causing your leg to jolt—this is known as a **reflex action**. Reflexes are *involuntary, automatic responses* that occur without conscious thought. In newborns, these reflexes play a vital role in helping them interact with their environment and begin developing essential skills such as feeding and movement.



Common Newborn Reflexes

1. Rooting Reflex

- Trigger: Touching your baby's cheek or mouth area
- Response: Baby turns their head toward the touch and opens their mouth
- Purpose: Helps baby find the nipple for feeding
- Usually disappears by 4 months

2. Sucking Reflex

- Trigger: Something touching the roof of baby's mouth or lips
- Response: Baby begins to suck
- Purpose: Enables feeding
- Usually fades around 4 months

3. Moro (Startle) Reflex

- Trigger: Sudden loud noise or feeling of falling
- Response: Baby throws arms out, then pulls them back in, often crying
- Purpose: Protective reflex
- Typically disappears by 5–6 months

4. Palmar Grasp Reflex

- Trigger: Pressing a finger into baby's palm
- Response: Baby tightly grasps the finger
- Purpose: Early gripping
- Usually fades by 5–6 months

5. Babinski Reflex

- Trigger: Stroking the sole of the baby's foot
- Response: Toes fan out and curl upward
- Purpose: Normal neurological response
- Disappears around 12 months

6. Stepping Reflex

- Trigger: Holding baby upright with feet touching a flat surface
- Response: Baby makes stepping motions as if walking
- Purpose: Prepares muscles for walking
- Typically gone by 2 months

When to Be Concerned

If your baby:

- Does not show these reflexes at birth
- Has reflexes that persist beyond the typical age
- Shows asymmetry (one side reacts differently than the other)

Speak with your pediatrician. Reflexes are important indicators of neurological health.



Why Reflexes Matter

- Reflex actions show that the nervous system is working properly
- They lay the foundation for voluntary movements and development
- They also help with survival functions like feeding and protection



Newborn reflexes are fascinating and reassuring signs that your baby is growing well. Watching these natural responses can deepen your understanding and bond with your little one.



PACIFIER USE: PROS & CONS



Pacifiers are a common tool many parents use to soothe their babies. Like any parenting choice, pacifier use has benefits and potential drawbacks. This guide helps you understand both sides to make the best decision for your family.



✓ Pros of Using a Pacifier

1. Soothes and Calms

- Pacifiers help babies self-soothe by satisfying their natural sucking reflex.
- Can reduce crying and help babies settle down quickly.

2. May Reduce Risk of SIDS

- Studies suggest that pacifier use during sleep may lower the risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

3. Helpful During Stressful Situations

- Can comfort babies during vaccinations, doctor visits, or travel.

4. Easy to Use and Portable

- Pacifiers are inexpensive, widely available, and convenient for quick calming.



✗ Cons of Using a Pacifier

1. Can Interfere With Breastfeeding

- Early pacifier use may cause “nipple confusion,” making it harder for some babies to latch properly. It’s usually recommended to wait until breastfeeding is well established (around 3–4 weeks). Although with brands of pacifiers that promote a good latch this is less of a problem.

2. Risk of Ear Infections

- Prolonged pacifier use is linked to an increased risk of middle ear infections in some children.

3. Dental Problems With Long-Term Use

Extended use beyond toddler years can affect teeth alignment and oral development.

4. Dependence and Difficulty Weaning

- Some babies become very attached, making it hard to stop pacifier use later on.



Tips for Safe Pacifier Use

- Choose one-piece, BPA-free pacifiers that are easy to clean.
- Don’t dip pacifiers in sweet substances.
- Regularly inspect and replace worn or damaged pacifiers.
- Avoid forcing pacifier use if baby refuses it.
- Wean off pacifiers gradually **after 12 months** to avoid dental issues.



Final Thoughts

Pacifiers can be a helpful soothing tool when used thoughtfully. Consider your baby’s feeding, comfort needs, and your family’s lifestyle to decide if and when to use a pacifier. Always consult your pediatrician with any concerns.



CARING FOR NEWBORN BABY SKIN



Your baby's skin is soft, delicate, and sensitive. Proper care helps protect their skin barrier, prevents dryness, and reduces the risk of irritation or rash. Here's what every parent should know to keep newborn skin healthy and happy.

Keep It Simple

- Use gentle, fragrance-free, and hypoallergenic products made specifically for babies.

Avoid harsh soaps, adult skincare products, or anything with dyes and strong fragrances.

Bathing Tips

- Bathe your newborn 2-3 times per week to avoid drying out their skin.
- Place a soft and large washcloth (or small towel) over their belly/chest area during bath. Continue pouring warm water over it to keep them warm and comforted.
- Use lukewarm water (about 37°C or 98.6°F).
- Keep baths short – 5-10 minutes max.
- Pat skin dry gently with a soft towel; avoid rubbing.



BABY SOAP



NO HARSH SOAPS



2-3 TIMES A WEEK, 5-10 MINS MAX



37°C or 98.6°F



Daily Cleaning

- For daily cleaning, simply wipe the face, neck, hands, and diaper area with a warm, damp cloth.
- Clean folds gently to prevent buildup of sweat and milk residue.



Moisturizing

- Apply a mild, fragrance-free baby moisturizer after baths and as needed.
- Focus on dry or flaky areas like cheeks, elbows, and knees.
- Avoid over-moisturizing, which can clog pores.

Sun Protection

- Keep newborns **out of direct sunlight** as much as possible.
- Use protective clothing and shade – hats, long sleeves, and umbrellas.
- Sunscreens are *generally not recommended for babies under 6 months*.



Watch for Skin Issues

- **Diaper rash:** Change diapers frequently and use barrier creams like zinc oxide.
- **Eczema:** Look for dry, red, itchy patches; consult your pediatrician for treatment.
- **Cradle cap:** Yellowish, scaly patches on the scalp can be treated with gentle washing and baby-safe oils.

If you notice any of these skin concerns persisting or worsening, it's important to speak with your healthcare provider to ensure proper care and rule out underlying conditions.

Extra Tips

- Avoid overheating your baby, which can cause sweating and irritation.
- Keep nails trimmed to prevent scratching.
- Wash your hands before touching your baby's skin.





Nail Clipping For Newborns



Baby's fingers and nails are very small which can make it hard to keep them trimmed, we will share best practices to make it easier.

How Often

- Baby's fingernails grow quickly, it is best to file them down at least twice per week. Any less and they get long and will scratch their faces, and yours!

Nail Trimming Tips

- Use a nail file meant for baby's, not nail clippers.
- File them when they are in a deep sleep (after being asleep for ten mins)
- If you do get too close to the quick, apply pressure with a clean tissue and clean with soap and water afterwards to avoid an infection.



Electric Nail File

Place them in a well-lit room while asleep, and use a low speed setting with the appropriate age-based pad. Gently hold their hand and use small, circular motions to file each nail, focusing on buffing the edges to avoid sharpness.

To change pads, select the correct one for your child's age and firmly press it onto the attachment mount until it clicks into place or until it is securely attached



INTRODUCTION TO BABYWEARING

Baby wearing is the practice of carrying your baby in a sling, wrap, or carrier worn on your body. It's an ancient tradition that helps parents bond with their little ones while keeping their hands free to move, work, or care for others.

Benefits of Babywearing

- Promotes bonding by keeping your baby close to your heartbeat and warmth.
- Supports baby's development by encouraging proper hip and spine alignment.
- Eases fussiness and crying by providing comfort and security.
- Hands-free convenience lets you do daily tasks while keeping your baby near.

Encourages breastfeeding on the go with easy access.

Types of Baby Carriers

1. Wraps

- Long pieces of fabric you wrap around your body and baby.
- Offer customizable support and close contact.
- Suitable from newborn to toddler with different tying styles.

2. Ring Slings

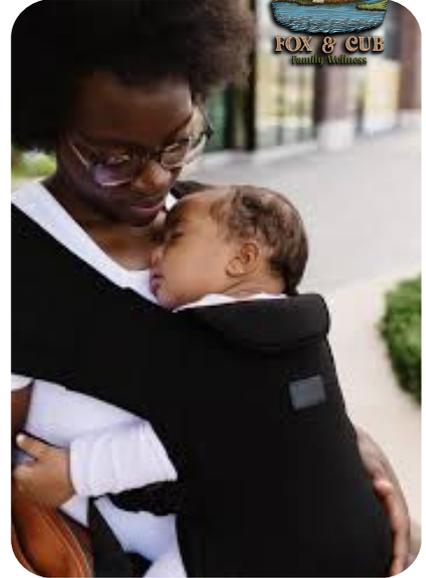
- A shorter piece of fabric threaded through rings for quick adjustment.
- Great for quick ups and downs and breastfeeding-friendly.

3. Soft Structured Carriers (SSC)

- Buckle carriers with padded straps and waistbands for comfort.
- Often adjustable and support babies from infancy through toddlerhood.

4. Mei Tais

- A hybrid between wraps and structured carriers with straps and a panel.
- Simple to use and comfortable for various carrying positions.



How to Get Started with Babywearing

1. Pick the Right Carrier

- Choose a carrier suited to your baby's age and your comfort—wraps, slings, or soft-structured carriers are great options. For newborns, stretchy wraps or ring slings work well.

2. Learn the Basics

- Read the instructions or watch videos for your specific carrier. Practice putting it on without your baby first, ideally in front of a mirror.

3. Safe Positioning

When babywearing, follow the **T.I.C.K.S.** safety guide:

- Tight and secure
- In view at all times
- Close enough to kiss
- Keep chin off chest
- **Supported back with hips in an "M" shape**

4. Start Slowly

- Begin with short sessions when your baby is calm. Walk gently and adjust as needed for comfort.

5. Check Fit Often

- As your baby grows, make sure the carrier still fits well and offers proper support.



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Safe Babywearing Tips

- Always support baby's head and neck, especially newborns.
- Ensure baby's face is visible and free to breathe at all times.
- Keep baby's chin off their chest to avoid airway restriction.
- Use carriers designed to support healthy hip positioning (legs in "M" shape).
- Regularly check all buckles, knots, and fabric for safety and comfort.



BABY CARE ROUTINE SAMPLE

A predictable routine can help both you and your baby feel more calm and confident. Here's an example of atypical day with a newborn, including feeding, sleeping, and care activities.

Morning

- 6:00–7:00 AM – Wake & Feed
- Gently wake your baby for a feeding (breast or bottle).
- Change diaper after feeding.
- 7:30–8:30 AM – Play & Bonding Time
- Skin-to-skin contact, tummy time, talking, and cuddles.
- 8:30–9:30 AM – Morning Nap
- Place baby down for a nap in a safe sleep space.



Midday

- 10:00–11:00 AM – Feed & Diaper Change
- Feed baby and check/change diaper as needed.
- 11:00 AM–12:00 PM – Interactive Time
- Sing, read, or practice gentle movements and tummy time.
- 12:00–1:00 PM – Afternoon Nap
- Let baby rest and recharge.



Afternoon

- 1:30–2:30 PM – Feed & Diaper Change
- Offer another feeding and change diaper.
- 2:30–3:30 PM – Quiet Play or Walk Outside
- Fresh air and gentle stimulation.
- 3:30–4:30 PM – Late Afternoon Nap



Evening

- 5:00–6:00 PM – Feed & Diaper Change
- 6:00–7:00 PM – Calm Play & Wind-Down
- Gentle rocking, reading, or lullabies.
- 7:00–8:00 PM – Bedtime Routine
- Bath (if scheduled), massage, clean diaper, pajamas, and feeding.
- 8:00 PM – Sleep
- Place baby in a safe sleep environment on their back.



Overnight

- Feedings and diaper changes every 2–4 hours as needed.

Keep nighttime interactions calm and quiet to help baby return to sleep.



Tips

- Watch your baby's cues for hunger, tiredness, and comfort.
- Adjust routine times based on your baby's unique needs.
- Stay flexible – some days will be different, and that's okay!



BONDING WITH YOUR BABY

Bonding is the deep emotional connection that develops between you and your baby. It helps your baby feel safe, loved, and secure – laying the foundation for healthy emotional and social development.



Why Bonding Matters

- Builds your baby's trust and sense of security
- Supports brain development and emotional well-being
- Encourages your baby's communication and social skills
- Strengthens your confidence and connection as a parent

Ways to Bond with Your Baby

1. Skin-to-Skin Contact

- Holding your baby against your bare chest calms and soothes them.
- Helps regulate your baby's body temperature, heart rate, and breathing.
- Encourages breastfeeding and milk production.



2. Eye Contact and Facial Expressions

- Look into your baby's eyes and smile often.
- Your expressions teach your baby about emotions and social cues.



3. Talk and Sing to Your Baby

- Use a gentle, soothing voice.
- Narrate your actions or sing lullabies to help your baby feel connected.



4. Respond to Your Baby's Cues

- Notice and respond to your baby's cries, coos, and movements promptly.
- This teaches your baby they can rely on you for comfort and care.



5. Cuddle and Hold Often

- Physical closeness promotes emotional warmth and security.
- Use babywearing or hold your baby in your arms regularly.



Tips for Bonding When You're Apart

- Play recordings of your voice or heartbeat for your baby.
- Encourage other caregivers to spend loving, responsive time with baby.
- Plan skin-to-skin or close contact times whenever possible.



Remember:

Bonding takes time and looks different for every family. Be patient with yourself and your baby – every smile, touch, and gentle word strengthens your special connection.

Baby Development

FROM BIRTH TO 6 MONTHS



The first six months of your baby's life are full of exciting changes. Every baby is different, but here's a simple guide to what you might see as your little one grows and learns in three key areas: social, physical, and cognitive (thinking and learning) development.

Social Development – Connecting with You



In the early days, your baby's favorite thing is you. They recognize your voice, your smell, and feel comforted just by being near you.

Around 6 to 8 weeks, you'll likely see your baby's first social smile—a magical moment when they smile because they're happy to see you!

By 3 to 6 months, your baby will start to make more eye contact, coo, laugh, and enjoy back-and-forth "chats" with you. They'll begin to respond to your tone of voice and facial expressions, showing early signs of connection and trust.

Physical Development – Growing Stronger Every Day

Newborns move a lot, but mostly through natural reflexes. Overtime, they begin to gain control of their body.

Around 2 months, they'll start to lift their head during tummy time.

Between 3 and 6 months, you'll see big progress—they may roll over, grab toys, and bring their hands to their mouth. Some babies begin sitting with support around 5–6 months. Their hands become more active too, reaching out and exploring objects.

Tip: Give your baby a few short sessions of tummy time each day. It helps build neck, arm, and shoulder strength!



Cognitive Development – Learning Through Senses

Your baby is learning every day just by watching, listening, and exploring. At first, they'll stare at faces and high-contrast patterns (like black-and-white books).

By 2 to 3 months, they'll start following moving objects with their eyes.

From 3 to 6 months, they'll show excitement for familiar routines—like smiling when you walk in or when it's time to feed. They may try to grab toys, shake them, and bring them to their mouth to explore. These little experiments are how they learn about the world!



Daily **NEWBORN LOG**

DATE: _____

MEDICATION: _____

DIAPER CHANGES

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FEEDING SCHEDULE

TIME	METHOD	DURATION

SLEEP SCHEDULE

SLEEP TIME	WAKE TIME	HOURS SLEPT

NOTES

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BREASTFEEDING BASICS



FREQUENCY

Newborns typically need to Breastfeed every 2-3 Hours. This equates to about 8-12 times within a 24-hour period.

DURATION

Each feeding session might last around 20-45 minutes. It's important to let your baby feed until they are full, which might mean feeding from both breasts during a session.

LATCH

Ensuring a proper latch is really important. The baby should take a good portion of the areola into their mouth, not just the nipple. This helps to ensure they get enough milk and prevents nipple soreness.

HUNGER CUES

Look for early hunger cues like rooting (turning their head and opening their mouth), sucking on their hands, and lip smacking. Crying is a late hunger cue.

MILK SUPPLY

Your milk supply will increase as your baby nurses. The more your baby feeds, the more milk your body will produce.

COMFORT

Make sure you are comfortable during breastfeeding. Use pillows to support your arms and back if needed.

POSITIONING

There are various breastfeeding positions such as cradle hold, cross-cradle hold, football hold, and side-lying position. Find what works best for you and your baby.

HYDRATION & NUTRITION

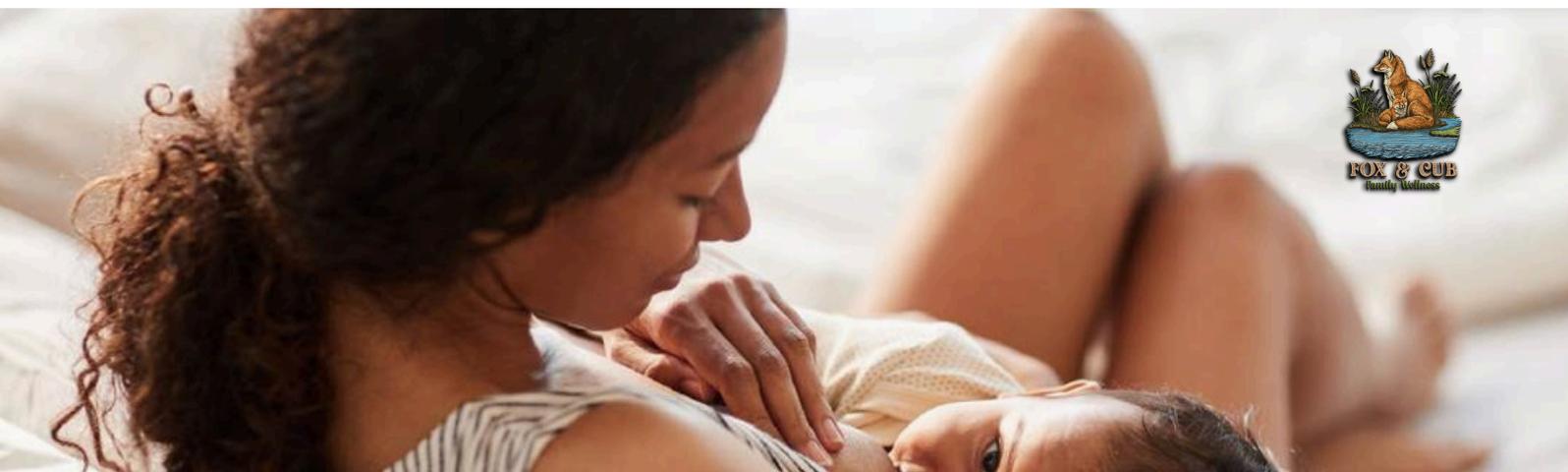
Stay hydrated and maintain a balanced diet to support milk production.

BREASTCARE

Keep your nipples clean and dry. If you experience soreness, applying breast milk or lanolin cream can help.

SUPPORT

Don't hesitate to seek help from a lactation consultant or a breastfeeding support group if you encounter difficulties.



10 SIGNS BREASTFEEDING IS GOING WELL



- 1. Your baby is feeding frequently:** Your baby is feeding 10-12 times in a 24-hour period.
- 2. Good latch:** Your baby latches onto the breast deeply and comfortably, and you don't experience significant pain
- 3. Swallowing sounds:** You can hear your baby swallowing regularly during feeds, indicating they are receiving milk.
- 4. Content baby:** Your baby seems satisfied and content after feeding sessions.
- 5. Weight Gain:** Your baby is gaining weight steadily. Most newborns lose some weight in the first few days but should start gaining it back by the end of the first week.
- 6. Wet and Dirty Diapers:** Your baby has at least 6-8 wet Diapers and several dirty Diapers each day after the first few days.
- 7. Breast changes:** Your breasts feel softer and less full after feeding, indicating that milk is being transferred.
- 8. Alertness:** Your baby is extra alert and active when awake.
- 9. Regular Feeding Patterns:** You baby has periods of cluster feeding (feeding more frequently) followed by longer stretches of sleep.
- 10. Comfortable feeding:** Both you and your baby are comfortable during feeding sessions and you can find a position that works well for the both of you.

TOP SIGN

The number one sign that breastfeeding is going well is adequate **weight gain** in the baby. This indicates that the baby is receiving enough milk to meet their nutritional needs, which is crucial for healthy growth and development.





COMMON BREASTFEEDING ISSUES & SOLUTIONS



ISSUE: Engorgement

Engorgement is when the breasts are overfull, and this usually occurs within the first few days after birth.

SOLUTION: Nurse frequently, use warm compresses before feeding and cold compresses after. Hand express or pump a little milk to relieve pressure if necessary.

ISSUE: Sore Nipples

Sore nipples are usually caused by poor latch and incorrect positioning during breastfeeding.

SOLUTION: Ensure a proper latch and positioning. Use lanolin cream or expressed breast milk on nipples to sooth them. Consult a lactation consultant if the pain persists.

ISSUE: Blocked Ducts

Blocked Ducts are caused by breastmilk not draining properly.

SOLUTION: Continue breastfeeding frequently, massage the affected area, use warm compresses, and ensure proper latch.

ISSUE: Mastitis

Mastitis is an infection in the breast tissue, often from a blocked duct.

SOLUTION: Continue breastfeeding, rest, apply warm compresses, and consult a healthcare provider for antibiotics if needed.

ISSUE: Low Milk Supply

This is caused by infrequent feeding, stress and certain medical conditions.

SOLUTION: Breastfeed more often, ensure a good latch, stay hydrated, and consider breastfeeding supplements.

ISSUE: Overactive Letdown

This occurs when milk flows too quickly for the baby.

SOLUTION: Try feeding in a reclined position, take breaks during feeding, and let the initial fast flow pass before lactating the baby.

ISSUE: Thrush

Thrush is a yeast infection in the baby's mouth and on the mother's nipples.

SOLUTION: Both the mother and baby may need antifungal treatment. Maintain good hygiene and sterilize feeding equipment.

ISSUE: Inverted/Flat Nipples

Inverted/flat nipples are a nipple shape that makes latching difficult.

SOLUTION: Use nipple shields or try techniques to draw out the nipple before feeding. Consult a lactation consultant for support.

ISSUE: Tongue-Tie

A condition where the baby's tongue movement is restricted.

SOLUTION: Consult a healthcare provider for a diagnosis and possible treatment options, such as a minor surgical procedure.

ISSUE: Baby Sleepiness

Newborns can be very sleepy, making feeding challenging.

SOLUTION: Wake your baby gently for feedings, try skin-to-skin contact, and ensure a stimulating environment during feeding.

