

CHECK THIS OUT!

our guide to interesting
& essential bits & pieces

ROCK ON!

Better than a nanny! This unique Aussie invention will help rock baby off to sleep in no time, simulating baby's favourite environment whether it be mother's womb, mother's heartbeat, a ride in the car or a boat on the water! Designed to soothe and relax unsettled babies while sending them safely off to the land of nod, the Lullabub cot rocking system is comprised of four modules which are placed under the leg of a standard cot, allowing it to rock automatically to the preselected rhythm. Also includes a remote control, automatic timer and night light. Order directly from www.babyhugs.com.au - rentals also available.



LIKE THE GOOD OLD DAYS

An innovative concept which gives your baby the feeling of total security as you bathe them. Fantastic for calming and soothing stressed-out or "windy" babies - they automatically relax into a foetal position as being in The Tummy Tub mimics the sensation of floating in the womb. Available at Eco Child, Mooloolaba, (07) 5478 2466



BYE BYE BRUISED BANANAS

Many a fruit has come to an untimely end at the bottom of the school bag. Which is why one clever mum has created Fruity Faces, funky inflatable carry cases designed to carry and protect individual pieces of fruit. In two basic shapes - round for apples, nectarines, plums, grapes etc, and, uh, banana-shaped for bananas - the groovy designs put fun into fruit so kids (and Mums and Dads) eat more of it! Order online at www.fruityfaces.com.au.



THE POTTY WITH THE LOTTOMY

The Potty Bench from Boon Inc is a sleek and stylish affair that even includes a built-in toilet paper holder, and a pull-out receptacle for an easy and hygienic clean up when the mission's complete! The Potty Bench also has two enclosed storage areas for spare undies, wipes etc. Close the lid and it transforms into a handy stool which can hold up to 125kg. Available from Babies Galore, Morayfield, (07) 5428 6122. \$69.95 RRP



GET ORGANISED

Long day, cranky toddler, disconnected phone and electricity due to forgotten bills - no wonder Brigitte Hinneberg decided to create this magic folder that transformed her from busy, disorganised working mum to the envy of her friends! It's an easy-to-manage household and personal information organiser, complete with funny quotes, essential hints and sections that will keep you totally on top of home maintenance, housework, meals, children, finances, personal grooming, pets and more. "Did You Remember The Milk?" is available from Angus and Robertson and Dymocks Bookstores and Evolve. mum. baby. home., Peregian Beach for \$59 RRP. www.didyounrememberthemilk.com.au.



PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT

The best fun you can have in twenty minutes! Rat-A-Tat-Cat and Slamwich are two best-selling, award-winning and educational card games from Gamewright which are suitable for even young kids. The cards feature groovy graphics and the games are adaptable so you can make them easier or harder, depending on the age of the players. Slamwich is a little like 'Snap!' but includes yummy sandwich fillings and naughty sandwich thieves, while Rat-A-Tat-Cat blends elements of a variety of different traditional games such as Go Fish, Old Maid and Plonctoon with a new catty (and ratty) twist! Only \$19.95 RRP from Amazon, and some Australian Geographic and Socrates stores.



COLOURFUL CANDLES

They look just like ordinary birthday cake candles, but the surprise and delight of everyone's faces when you light them! These fun party candles burn with coloured flames - red, green, blue, purple, orange. Great for both adult children's parties. Available at Little Smartypants in Nam



MESS-FREE COLOURING

The Mess Free "Colour Wonder" range from Crayola brightly coloured markers which are colour-free, un on the specific Colour Wonder paper (ie no mess floors or carpets)! Exciting for little ones as the special Colour Wonder books are invited with the Colour Wonder Markers. available in Disney packs (6 Colour Wonder and a 24 page book) eg The Little Mermaid, Nemo, Disney Princess and Disney/Pixar Cars retailers including Target, Kmart a

