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## Raves! Great birthday gifts for every age

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### INFANTS



**Baby Chaleco Performance Wear.** If the birthday child is an active superdooler, mom and dad will love this gift! This mom-owned company based in Bellevue makes “performance wear”: large, stylish bibs that will really stay on and keep your critter dry underneath. \$34–\$38; Hush Baby in Redmond Town Center. [www.babychaleco.com](http://www.babychaleco.com)

**Books.** Babies love books! Some of our top favorites include *Goodnight Moon* and *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown; *Pat the Bunny* by Dorothy Kunhardt; *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr.; *Big Little and Quiet Loud* by Leslie Patricelli; and *Barnyard Dance!* and *Pajama Time!* by Sandra Boynton.

### TODDLERS TO KINDERGARTENERS

**Earthentree eco-friendly toys.** This Kirkland company, owned by a mom, offers colorful toys and musical instruments made in India from sustainable wood and decorated with safe, lead-free vegetable dye. \$5–\$28; [www.earthentree.com](http://www.earthentree.com).

**Alphabet Blocks by Uncle Goose.** These classic, award-winning blocks aid in the development of fine-motor skills, spatial recognition, math and language skills in kindergarten and preschool children. \$22; Urban Kids Play.



**My First Railway by BRIO.** Made for kids younger than 3, these sets provide hours of imaginative play. \$35; Teaching Toys and Books.



**Realistic plastic animals from Bully.** These are PVC-free and made in Germany. Sarah Furstenberg, owner of Clover Toys, says, “These are so great for the very beginning of imaginative play, as toddlers seem to love grouping animals into families.”



### ParentMap poll

#### Women: who handles the housework at your house?

- I do it all - and I don't mind
- I do it all - but I do mind!
- I do about 75 percent
- We have a truly 50/50 split
- My man does more than I do around the house
- Neither of us does housework - we've got help

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