

Thoughtful Gifts for New Parents

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Congratulations to your loved ones who are expecting or just had their baby! As they embark on this exciting journey of parenthood, it's the perfect time to show your love and support by giving them a thoughtful and practical gift.

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Helping out at their home

Cost: \$

One of the most valuable gifts you can give to new parents is your time and support. Offer to help out with **household chores**, such as cleaning, laundry, or grocery shopping. You can also volunteer to **mind the baby** for a few hours, allowing the parents to have some much-needed rest or time for themselves. Additionally, you can **offer to cook a meal, run errands, or provide transportation to appointments**. Every small act of support can make a significant difference in the lives of new parents. This gift not only lightens their load but also shows your love and commitment to being there for them during this adjustment period.

Batch cooked food

Cost: \$

Help ease the burden of meal preparation for the new parents by gifting them a batch of **home cooked frozen food**. As they adjust to their new routine, having ready-to-eat meals in the freezer can be a timesaver and help whilst they adjust to parenthood. You can prepare a variety of nutritious and delicious meals that can be easily reheated, such as **soups**, **or lasagnas**; or **ziplock uncooked meals that can be put in the oven easily like chicken bakes**. Consider their dietary preferences and any specific dietary restrictions they may have. This practical gift not only saves them time and effort but also ensures they have nourishing meals during those early days of parenthood.

Nappies or baby essentials

Cost: \$\$

Practical and essential items for the baby are always appreciated by new parents. Consider gifting a **supply of nappies** or a baby essentials kit that includes items like **baby wipes, nappy cream, and baby moisturiser.** These everyday necessities can quickly add up, so providing a stockpile of these items will be a great help to the new parents. If you're not sure what to get, you can always ask the new parents, or a seasoned parent who might know of some everyday essentials that parents will use for a while. This gift not only provides convenience but also shows your thoughtfulness in considering the needs of the baby.

Personalised baby item

Cost: \$\$

A personalised baby item is a thoughtful and sentimental gift that new parents will cherish for years to come. Consider gifting a **customised baby blanket** with bubs name, a **personalised photo frame** – ones with dry ink for hand or footprints are a great idea, or a handcrafted baby journal. These personalised gifts add a special touch and create lasting memories for the new parents and their baby. You can include the baby's name, birthdate, or a heartfelt message to make it even more meaningful. This gift not only celebrates the arrival of their little one but also shows your attention to detail and thoughtfulness.

Parenting books or online courses

Cost: \$\$

Help new parents navigate the exciting world of parenting by gifting them informative and **helpful books or online courses**. There are a wide variety of resources available that cover topics such as newborn care, sleep, breastfeeding, starting solids, basic first-aid and more. **Choose books or courses that align with their interests and parenting style**. This gift not only provides valuable knowledge but also shows your support in their journey as new parents. They can refer to these resources whenever they have questions or need guidance, making it a practical and thoughtful gift that lasts.

Spa voucher

Cost: \$\$\$

One of the most appreciated gifts for new parents is a spa voucher. After the sleepless nights and the demands of caring for a newborn, a **relaxing spa treatment can provide much-needed rejuvenation**. Treat the new parents to a **massage**, **facial**, **or a spa day** where they can unwind and recharge. This gift not only offers physical relaxation but also promotes mental well-being. It's a wonderful way to show your support and encourage the new parents to take some time for self-care amidst their busy schedules. If everyone is comfortable with it you could also offer to look after their little one so that they can enjoy the pampering worry free.

Remember, the best gifts are those that cater to their needs and make their transition into parenthood a little smoother. So, select a gift that suits your budget and relationship with the new parents, and show them how much you care.