**BABY REGISTRY CHECKLIST**

**CLOTHING**

**Cotton babygros:** Those wonderful onesies! I would say about 10 is a good number. This may sound like overkill but if you have a baby like mine who would poo up her entire back to her neck (I kid you not!), then numerous changes per day are necessary.
**Vests:** The ones that button under the bum are best otherwise the vest tends to bunch up a bit under the babygrow. Again I think 10 is a good amount (see above).
**Socks:** Having had two winter babies I put the socks on under the babygro to make sure their little tootsies stayed warm. Maybe four pairs – these (thankfully) aren’t affected by gravity-defying poo.
**Bibs:** If you do have a drooler or puker on your hands, absorbent towelling bibs with the plastic-type back could save you a few changes of clothes a day.
**Beanies:** Cotton ones for summer, knitted or fleece for winter.

**BEDTIME**

**Receiving blankets:** I would swaddle my babies in these so it was the first layer on top of their clothing – 4-6 should do it.
**Baby blankets:**2 or 3 is more than enough.
**Cot:** As long as all the safety features are checked there isn’t any reason to go one way or the other except for the difference in price.
**Camp cots**  are generally cheaper than traditional **wooden ones**, and can double as a travel cot if needed.
**Cot mattress**. One is plenty.
**Cot sheets:** 2 to 3 is ample.
**Changing mat:** Don’t get the ones that are sealed in towelling because inevitably baby will get something gross on it and then washing the whole thing is a real mission. I found the plastic covered ones with a removable, washable cover worked best.
**Pram:** Before deciding which one pram to buy make sure to give them a test drive. Some prams are easier to handle than others – you don’t want a five minute battle in the mall parking lot trying to get the pram up or down.
**Car seat:** This may come with the pram if you get a travel system.
**Nappy bag:** There are millions of options out there– and really stylish ones too! Nappy bags don’t have to be the dull, practical things they were before.

**FEEDING**

**Bottle feeding**. Perhaps you decide to top up breast milk with formula or express milk and let someone else feed baby while you take a breather. You will need:
**Bottles:**this **starter set**  is great
**Steriliser:** a **microwave steriliser** is convenient
**Bottle brush:** to give bottles a good clean

**Breastfeeding:** Not too much required on this front – you have milk at the right temperature on tap, and it’s free!
**Pump:** if you decide to pump then buy a **good quality electric pump** if you can afford it – it just goes faster.
**Nipple cream:** **Lasinoh**  worked wonders for me.

 **BATHTIME**

**Plastic baby bath:** The plain one without all the fancy moulding works perfectly! I placed my baby bath on a table in my bedroom so I could stand up straight while bathing baby.
**Bath seat:** Little seat that helps support baby in a full-size tub.
**Towels and washcloth**
**Baby wash**
**Cream:** Aqueous cream or something more moisturising depending on your baby’s skin. For my first child aqueous cream worked fine but for my second I needed something for her mild eczema.
**Baby wipes:** I tend to go for the non-scented ones.
**Cotton pads/balls**

 **NAPPIES**

**Cloth** or **disposable nappies** – it’s up to you! Read our **nappy buying guide here**.

**OTHER**

**Panado syrup** for pain or fever
**Gripe water**
**Telement drops** for wind
**Saline drops** for stuffy noses
**Surgical spirits** for the umbilical cord
**Ear thermometer**
**Nail scissors**
**Medicine dropper** or **syringe**