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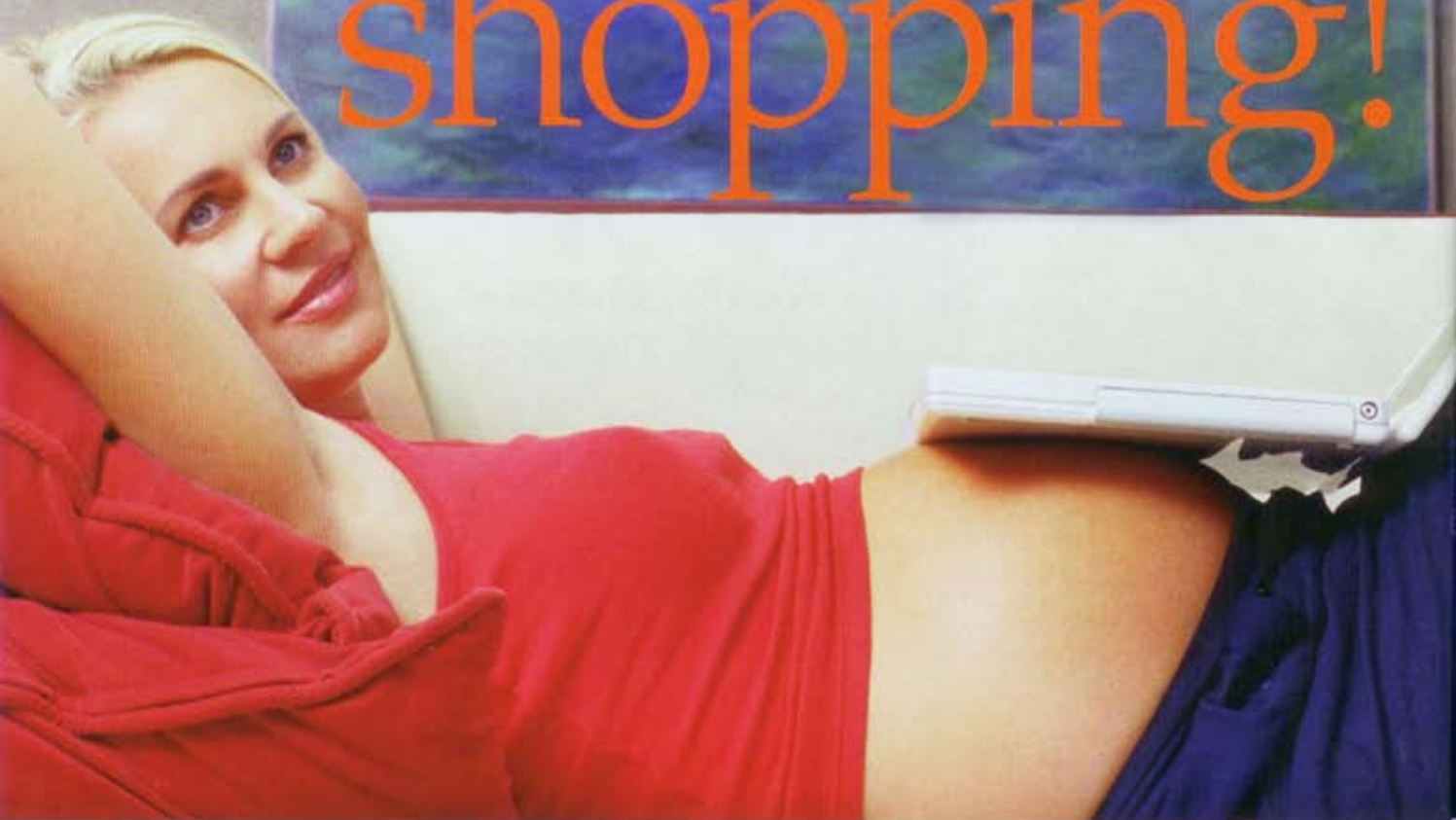
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The last thing you want to do with a bump in tow is traipse up and down the high street. Becky Seery, mum to two-year-old Jake, reveals her favourite websites for pregnancy, birth and beyond

When I was eight months pregnant I went shopping in London for some last-minute essentials – and ended up tearful and exhausted. So I decided to try my luck on the internet instead, and it was a revelation. What better way to get the shopping done than with a nice cup of tea by my side and the best sites on the web at my fingertips? Since Jake was born I really

haven't looked back – a few clicks of the mouse and whatever we need is delivered to our door. I've found great sites, many of which have been set up by people who are parents themselves. Fully understanding the demands of pregnancy and parenting, they aim to source high-quality, useful products for their customers and deliver them with the minimum amount of hassle. Just take a look for yourself...

BLOOMING BUMPS

www.bloomingbumps.co.uk

Having a baby is an expensive business, without having to spend a fortune on a new wardrobe that you'll only wear for a few months. So, this website selling good-quality second-hand maternity clothes is a fab idea – you can get anything from jeans to a posh frock at a snip of the price you'd usually pay. You can shop by category or manufacturer, and view an image of all items for sale, as well as a description of the item's condition.

Standard delivery takes three days and costs £3.

ALFIE AND LULU

www.alfieandlulu.com

A delightful site packed full of beautifully made baby clothes and gifts from all over the world. It's difficult to visit without being tempted by something – there's a lovely range of throws, blankets and cushions for the nursery, or why not treat yourself to an mum-to-be organic gift set?

Standard delivery, dispatched the next day, costs from £2.65 to £4.50, while next-day delivery is available for £8.95.

GREAT FOR UNUSUAL BABY CLOTHES

MAMAS & PAPAS

www.mamasandpapas.co.uk

A site that any parent in the know will have bookmarked, Mamas & Papas is a great place to kick-start your maternity shopping. It features loads of baby essentials like buggies and cots, as well as classic maternity clothes and lots of irresistible extras for your baby.

Drop-down menus make things easy to find, while there's also a search function if you're looking for a specific item, and the special offer section has some great deals on a whole range of products. There's even a resident midwife you can email for advice, and the recommended 'book of the month' will ensure that you're keeping yourself informed.

Standard delivery takes four days and costs £4.95 – see the website for other delivery options.

HIPPYCHICK

www.hippychick.com

Here's a practical and ethical site, full of great ideas for making life with your baby easier. If you're after hip seats, healthy-back baby-changing bags, organic cotton fleece blankets or Shoo Shoos baby shoes then look no further. There are competitions, a sale section and gift-wrapping at £3 per item. It's also good to know that you're supporting a Mexican charity for street children each time you shop.

Delivery costs £2.95 for orders under £50, and £4.95 for orders over £50. Express delivery costs £6.50 to reach you by the next working day.

CRAZIBONKAS

www.crazibonkas.co.uk

As the name suggests, this is a fun site packed with quirky ideas for babies and toddlers. Easy to use, it also has a great range of natural products for mum and baby. You'll find yourself browsing through the different sections for ages, and look out for the Jolly Pirate pacifier and the Little Taggie fleece cuddle (both firm favourites in our house).

Delivery is £2.50 for UK orders, dispatched by the next working day at the latest, and is free for all orders over £50.



WE LOVE THE FUNKY BABY PRODUCTS

BUMP TO 3

www.bumpto3.com

This site is friendly, easy to use and full of innovative but still useful products, from Grobags (baby sleeping bags: no more kicking the covers off) to Baby Banz sunglasses. The only danger is that you'll end up buying lots more than you planned to!

Baby-Gift is a great free service, too – you put together an online list of things you'd like for your baby from the site, so family and friends can pick out presents you really need.

Standard delivery takes three working days and costs £4.95, while free delivery is offered on orders over £75 (in the UK and NI only).



THE WHITE COMPANY

www.thewhitecompany.com

If you're getting the urge to nest, then this is the place to come for all things chic and stylish for the home. This simple, elegant site is full of beautiful designs, and the children's section has an extensive nursery range as well as classic baby clothes and accessories.

There's also a useful gift-finder function, which will suggest an appropriate gift according to the recipient's age and how much you wish to spend – a perfect time-saver for those last-minute gifts.

Standard delivery takes five days and costs £4.95.