

early childhood shopping



**CRACK ME UP!**  
Boys and girls will find toilet time more amusing with these Toilet Crackers by Potty Training. Made from starch and dyed with pink-and-blue food colouring, these dissolvable rock shapes are designed to give kids something to look forward to when it's time to "go". They simply feed the crackers to the hungry toilet and wash it all down with their wee and poo. Priced at \$10.95 for a pack of 45, head to [pottytraining.com.au](http://pottytraining.com.au).



**A IS FOR APPLE**  
Ecotoys makes learning fun with these ABC rubberwood building blocks, \$52. Non-toxic, water-based paint has been used to represent the alphabet through large letters and illustrations. Each letter is textured, allowing kids to learn by touching and tracing it with their fingers. Go to [ecotoys.com.au](http://ecotoys.com.au).

**DIVIDE & CONQUER**  
Serve their vegies on this fun Fairytale Divided Plate by Crocodile Creek and your tot may actually want to eat his vegies! Available with matching bowls and plates in an array of designs, and priced from \$9.95, go to [childsmart.com.au](http://childsmart.com.au) for stockists.



Keep the change

"Hoo" says saving money is hard? This soft and squashy silicone Mr Owl Money Bank will encourage your child to put their pennies away for a rainy day. Priced at \$19.95 and sitting at 15cm high, it is also available in orange, black and pink. Go to [babygoesretro.com.au](http://babygoesretro.com.au) for more great items.



**Time flies**  
Made from quality canvas, this Owl Clock has a large face, which makes learning to tell the time easy for young children. Suitable for both boys and girls and priced at \$39.95, there are over 10 different designs including cupcakes, babushka dolls and jungle animals. Pick a theme your child will love and have the clock personalised with their name for a great gift. Go to [stuckonyou.biz](http://stuckonyou.biz).



**Cup full of colour**  
When it's time for little kids to use big cups, Baby Grow Safe has the perfect solution. With this set of four Silikids glass tumblers, \$38.95, you won't need to worry about slippery fingers, as the silicone cover allows your child to use glass safely. The cover can also be removed and placed in the dishwasher after use. See more at [babygrowsafe.com.au](http://babygrowsafe.com.au).



**Blanket bliss**  
The cosy comfort of this Minimink faux fur blanket, \$110, is ideal for autumn. Lined with 100 percent cotton jersey, it's washing machine and dryer safe. Available in a range of colours, find out more at [minimink.com.au](http://minimink.com.au).

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### What a card!

Priced at \$4.95, this My Earth New Baby Boy owl card is part of the Earth Greetings range from Modern Little Munchkins. Printed on 100 percent recycled paper with vegetable ink illustrations, there are also ducks, robins and koala-themed cards to choose from. For more information, head to [modernlittlemunchkins.com.au](http://modernlittlemunchkins.com.au).



### Cheeky minkee

The Minkee All-In-One by Baby BeeHinds is a disposable nappy that requires no cover. The outer layer is made from 100 percent "minkee", which is a soft polyester fibre, while the suede cloth inner has a four-layer microfibre soaker pad to help keep your baby dry. Priced at \$25, it is available for babies weighing 4 to 16kg. Visit [sustainababy.com.au](http://sustainababy.com.au) for more.



### AN APPLE A DAY

With four compartments, this Apple & Bee Family Carry All Traveller is the ideal bag for busy mums. Priced at \$69.95, it folds out to allow for easy retrieval of possessions and buttons together for compact storage. Made from organic cotton, it is free from lead (often used in the manufacture of bags to soften leather and make colours last) so it is a healthy choice for holding your baby's items. See it and much more at [natureschild.com.au](http://natureschild.com.au).

### BUNDLE ME UP

Your bambino will find comfort in this striped Baby Boy Gown. It's made with 95 percent rayon from organic bamboo and five percent spandex to help regulate heat, plus the added tie detail allows the gown to close at the feet, keeping toes warm and cosy. Priced at \$59.95, it is available in sizes for babies aged up to six months. Go to [greenbean.co.nz](http://greenbean.co.nz) for more.



### STACK HAPPY

This Triangle Stacker, \$38, is handmade from maple, walnut and cherry wood, and is polished with natural beeswax. Designed to help your child develop their motor skills and hand-eye coordination, it is reminiscent of an old-fashioned wooden ring toss and just as fun. Take a look at [ecotoys.com.au](http://ecotoys.com.au).



### Little boy blue

With printed cars, boats and more, the Travel Bug Cot Set is definitely one for the boys. Made from 100 percent organic cotton, the Travel Bug Quilt, \$129.95, features a reversible cover. There is also the cushion, \$39.95, three-piece sheet set, \$139.95, and cot bumper, \$124.95, to complete the look. Go to [littlechipipi.com.au](http://littlechipipi.com.au) for more.

### SUITS ME FINE

Keep your bub snug with these adorable Stretch And Grow Jumpsuits from the Nature Baby Merino Essentials range. The loose fit provides room to move and they have snap buttons for easy changing. Available to fit bubs up to 12 months and priced at \$69.95 each, see [naturebaby.com.au](http://naturebaby.com.au).



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### Cotton tails

Created by French company La Queue Du Chat, and made from cotton that's 100 percent certified fair-trade organic, this Green Chick boys' shirt features a quirky hand-printed baby chick design. The natural fibres ensure the material breathes, so your child stays cool and comfortable. Priced at \$45, it comes in sizes suitable for children aged six months to five years. See [mulberrytreeorganic.com](http://mulberrytreeorganic.com).



### Woopie!

Playing dress-ups has never been safer with the introduction of Keptin-Jr Baby Dolls. Made from BPA-free vinyl and beautifully presented in a woven wicker basket, this Woopie Lime Baby Doll comes with its very own organic cotton toy, which also makes a nice keepsake. Priced at \$85, check it out at [ecotoys.com.au](http://ecotoys.com.au).



### DOUGH YOU KNOW?

Made from essential oils and natural dyes, and with creative names such as Lottie Lime, Mannie Mandarin and Lennie Lemon, Aroma Eco Dough comes in 125g tubs. They are bundled in a gift pack of three for \$20, while refills are \$10 each. Recommended for children aged two and up, you can find them at [aromaecodough.com.au](http://aromaecodough.com.au).

### IT'S A CLASSIC

The classic towelling nappy has been given a makeover by the people at Nature's Child. These organic cotton nappies are super absorbent and long lasting, making them a worthwhile investment. Pick up a pack of six for \$69.95 at [natureschild.com.au](http://natureschild.com.au).



### Nappy happy

Featuring leak guards and re-closable fastenings, and made from chlorine-free materials, eco-friendly Moltex Oku disposable nappies are ideal for babies suffering from eczema. Priced from \$30.95, you can find them and more at [ecodirect.com.au](http://ecodirect.com.au).



### Yak about it

This Daisy Knit Dress, \$120 by Yak Clothing, is made from yak down that is hand combed in Tibet. The fine fibre is then carefully sorted before being spun into yarn and woven. It doesn't itch so is great for kids with sensitive skin. The range comprises hand-knitted one-off designs, including hats, booties and cardis. This dress comes in sizes 1 to 4. Discover more at [ecobabystore.com.au](http://ecobabystore.com.au).



### MIX IT UP

Proving yet again to be a great source for eco-minded parents, Modern Little Munchkins is now stocking Eco-kids Eco-fingerpaint. Consisting of natural plant and vegetable extracts derived from paprika, tomatoes, blueberries and more, these paints come in powder form and are mixed together with water to create the desired thickness. To blend fun and imagination, purchase a set of five containers for \$43.50 by heading to [modernlittlemunchkins.com.au](http://modernlittlemunchkins.com.au).