

Knitty gritty

Knitting is the new rock 'n' roll since several Hollywood stars 'fessed up to indulging in this granny-chic pastime between takes. If you've got time on your hands waiting for your impending arrival, these adorable baby blanket Knitcases are for you. Each contains seven balls of Italian Merino wool, bamboo needles, a lavender sachet to add a sweet scent, plus instructions on how to create a patchwork blanket in pink or blue. £39 from Knitcases



Picture perfect

How adorable is this box file? While we're not advocating having your newborn snuggle up to the family pet, you can send any gorgeous picture of your new baby to Albumania and they'll turn it into a beautifully finished box file that you can use to store precious keepsakes, photos or other important baby items. £59.50 from Albumania



Short and sweet

IN THE NAME OF THE ROSE

A delightful way to celebrate the birth of a new baby is to send a personalised rose bush. Truly Madly Deeply stocks a pink-bloomed Floribunda rose that you can personalise with your chosen name of up to 50 characters. The rose will then be sent to the lucky recipient along with certification of the name, a printed label, a picture of the rose, care instructions and a greetings card. A blooming marvellous way to commemorate a new life. £55 from Truly Madly Deeply



NEW ON THE BLOCK

The Nursery Window has just launched some delicious new products for babies, from sweet clothing sets to adorable room accessories. Our favourites are these hand-knitted cashmere blocks with embroidered letter detailing and a tinkling bell inside. £24.95 each from Nursery Window



Desirables...

Have baby, will shop. Take your pick from the smartest, coolest, cutest new creations around, chosen by **Kate Street**

See stockists page 160 for details

Baby doll

The Oushka Doll Baby Objet is a lovely present to give a new granny. This sterling silver keepsake, based on the traditional Russian doll, twists open to reveal two smaller dolls inside. It would also make a memorable christening gift. £160 from Links of London



Bags of joy

If you are looking for a stylish changing bag, the joyfully named Happybags is the website for you. As well as great brands for new dads including DadGear and Diaper Dude, there's plenty to tempt mummies, too. There are nappy carriers from chic French company Bensimon; cult US-based Timi & Leslie bags; and celeb favourite Mia Bossi, whose butter-soft Barolo Italian leather Audrey bag is one of the most divine changing bags on the planet. £750 to order from Happybags