

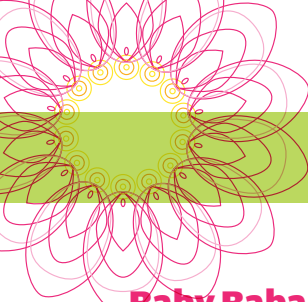


The **Mom** Guide

22 Essential Resources
for the Busiest Women
in Orange County

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Baby Babaloo

Find the cutest jeans for expectant mothers in a variety of styles and sizes at this South County shop. The store also carries leggings, and the BellaBand—it keeps your belly from pushing your pants down. 24000 Alicia Parkway #30, Mission Viejo, 949-587-1400, www.babybabaloo.com.

Flipside Yoga

Children can practice yoga with parents and friends under the leadership of Megan Buster, a children's yoga instructor and fitness and soccer coach. Book parties at the studio, or private classes at home or school. 22672 Lambert St. #604, Lake Forest, 949-433-5680, www.flipsideyoga.com.



OC Tykes

With so many strollers, cribs, car seats, and other baby essentials out there, how to choose the right one? Just rent what you're thinking of buying at OC Tykes, and when you find the best fit, buy it here, too. It's a business only a mother could invent. 201 N. El Camino Real, San Clemente, 866-200-8560, www.octykes.com.

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Little Crown Interiors

Expectant mothers have enough to worry about without stressing over what color to paint the nursery or where to find cute closet organizers. This interior design firm in Orange comes to you and takes care of all the details, including dealing with contractors, if necessary. Visit the Web site for photos of completed projects and to set up an appointment. 866-347-0025, www.littlecrowninteriors.com.



Nine Months Later

Create a baby registry, shop for stylish maternity clothes—dresses, comfy flip-flops, and pants—and get ready for the big arrival with this online shop's inventory

of necessities and accessories. And Dad won't feel left out when he sees the latest in dude diaper bags. Yes, they exist—if you dare. 714-998-6463, www.ninemonthslater.com.

Japanese Weekend Maternity

Started in San Francisco, this company's only other California location is at Fashion Island. Here, expectant moms can find coats, sweaters, activewear, pajamas—even a line of clothes made from bamboo. Fashion Island, 1027 Newport Center Drive, 949-644-5468, www.japaneseweekend.com.

Wish Children's Boutique

This 2½-year-old shop carries more than clothes for little ones. Moms-to-be will find tunics, cardigans, and wraps to accommodate their growing bellies. The new-arrivals section is updated often. 4945 Yorba Ranch Road #D, Yorba Linda, 714-777-9474, www.wishboutique.com.



Newport Kids

It's an upscale resale shop, the go-to store for outfitting kids with strollers, changing tables, car seats, dressers, cribs, and bassinets that are all like new. The shop also carries maternity wear, and staffers can tell you how to offer your used items for consignment sale. 1775 Newport Blvd., Costa Mesa, 949-548-2849, www.newportkidsconsignment.com.



Pixie Dust Décor

For unique textiles and décor to dress up your nursery, visit this online design studio owned by Stacy McCallum, a Newport Beach ex-pat who started the business in Irvine. Each season

brings a new collection of bedding, bibs, pillows, and more while still offering items from the popular Pagoda line. 949-400-2298, www.pixiedustdecor.com.

I Dream of France

Owners Jean-Michel and Brett Carlouet began with a Web site and opened the boutique in October. Visit them for mommy-to-be gifts such as 100 percent soy candles by Bougies la Française, soaps by Compagnie de Provence, or hand-made jewelry by HB-Henriot Quimper Faience. 282 S. Prospect Ave. #A, Tustin, 714-730-2182, www.idreamoffrance.com.

Jenny Mason Photography

The mother of three recognizes the fleeting moments that make parenting special, and it shows in her work. Mason, a member of the Professional Photographers of Orange County, focuses on maternity, newborn, children, and family photography. 27101 Aliso Creek Road #104, Aliso Viejo, 949-305-9115, www.jennymasonphotography.com.



TINY TURNIP PHOTOGRAPH BY TRACIE SPENCE



FASHION

Tiny Turnip

Find vintage pillowcase dresses, custom T-shirts, bandanna halters and pants, even doll clothes that match your little girl's outfit. Designer Rachel Luzi, a San Clemente mother of three, has an unlimited imagination when it comes to clothes for kids up to 'tweens, and their moms. Her line seems to be a hit with athletes and their families—she has filled team orders for the Boston Red Sox and the Kansas City Royals, and designed custom clothes and accessories for players with the Dodgers, Angels, and the Phoenix Coyotes.

949-547-8759, www.tinyturnip.com.



O-MAMA Moms are seldom shy about their opinions. Now that the O-Mama Web site is here, they have a venue for "sorting out the social and political issues of our time," as local founders (and moms) Michelle Tingler and Debbie Devine put it. Create your own O-Mama page for free. www.o-mama.com.

Mom-trepreneurs

Being a boss and a nurturing mother is all in the juggling



RACHEL LUZI
Owner, *Tiny Turnip*

She lives and works in San Clemente with daughters Bella and Bria, left, son Drew, and husband Mark.

“A lot of the stuff I’ll do when they’re in school, and phone calls are made on the road or waiting in the [after-school] pickup line. I’ll have about 45 minutes without my kids to get work done.”



DEBBIE SAVAGE
Owner, *Baby Emi*

She lives and works in Laguna Niguel with daughters Emmeline and Chloe, left, and husband Albert.

“Growing up, my mom had to work two full-time jobs and I didn’t get to see her very much. And I knew I wanted to stay home, but pursue my creative dreams. My business accomplishes both for me.”



KRISTIN MENAPACE
Franchise owner, *Baby Boot Camp*

She lives in San Clemente with daughter Paige, left, and husband Ron. She teaches in Dana Point and San Clemente.

“It can be challenging balancing work and family, but I feel when moms invest in their health and wellness, they benefit not only themselves but their families as well.”



Simple Wonders

After the baby arrives, spare time is hard to come by. Get organized now, with the scrapbooks and photo-friendly wallets available here. Maintain your sanity with the shop’s collection of Mom Agenda day-planners and organizers. 19 Bluewing Lane, Ladera Ranch, 949-347-9464, www.simplewonders.com.



FASHION

Francie Pants

Co-founded by an Orange County mom, this company makes lightweight shorts that can be worn under a skirt and come in all styles and sizes, for girls who don’t have time to worry about being modest. When swinging on monkey bars, turning cartwheels, or jumping rope, they can be sure the shorts provide stylish coverage. www.franciepants.com.



Pulp Factory Calendars

Lisa Sommer was living in Newport Beach and planning to get married when she came up with her first creation, a desk calendar titled “An Engaged Girl’s Life.” As her life progressed, she followed up each stage with “A Pregnant Girl’s Life,” “New Mom,” and “New Baby” stationery. Her company offers sticky notes, notepads, and greeting cards in each theme. 949-675-6404, www.pulpfactorycalendars.com.

Xpecting

Soon-to-be-moms don’t have to sacrifice fashion. Visit this shop for its collection of casual and professional threads that are hip, vibrant, and most of all, comfortable. We especially love the swimwear and springtime seersucker dresses. 369 E. 17th St. #20, Costa Mesa, 949-574-2184, www.xpectingmaternity.com.



Baby Emi

Founded by Debbie Savage of Laguna Niguel, the line of bangles and necklaces was born after one of her daughters was given a set of traditional Cambodian bells as a blessing. Many

cultures use sounds to ward off bad spirits, and Savage decided to embrace her Cambodian heritage by creating a company that would spread the custom. www.babyemi.com.

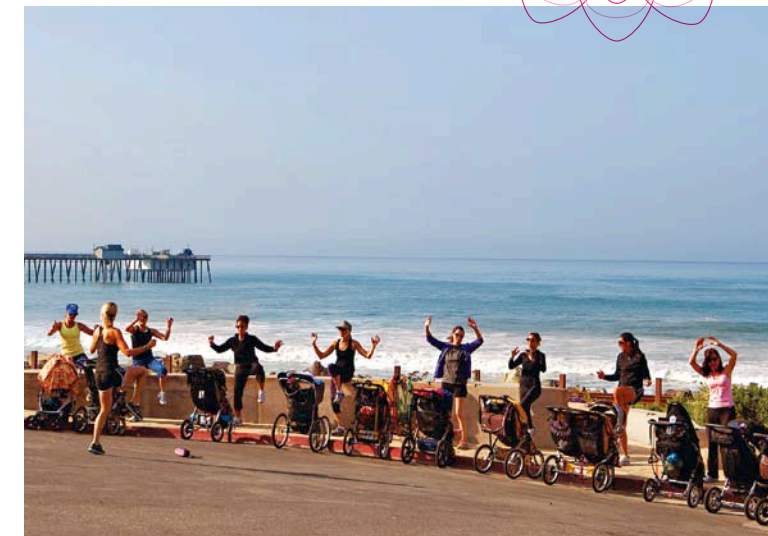
Surfside Baby

Babies are perhaps the last demographic group to get its own collection of surfer products—T-shirts, blankets, and gear. Leave it to a South County mom to create everything budding surfers need before they’re old enough to ride. 1060 Calle Negocio #G, San Clemente, 949-226-7341, www.surfsidebaby.com.



Raspberry & Sage

Moms get some lovin’ at this children’s shop, too. You’ll find tote and makeup bags by Petunia Pickle Bottom, jewelry, baby essentials such as hooded towels and patchwork blankets, and nearly every Noodle & Boo skin-care product. 205 Main St., Seal Beach, 562-598-2225, www.raspberrysandsage.com.



FITNESS

Baby Boot Camp

The company was founded in the San Francisco Bay Area, when a new mom began searching for inexpensive exercise classes. Finding none, she started Baby Boot Camp, which now has franchises across the country, including one operated by Kristin Menapace, who holds sessions in Dana Point and San Clemente. 949-554-8054, kristin.menapace@babybootcamp.com, www.babybootcamp.com.



Saige Nicole’s

Though it’s billed as a children’s shop, this shop also sells maternity shirts with fun phrases such as “[Bump]tastic,” “Lovin My Buddha Belly,” and “Sexy and Showing.” You can also find a line of nursing pads—made from cotton and bamboo—and chic nursing covers. Tustin, 714-235-0247, www.saigenicoles.com.

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