FROM FIRST-TIME PARENTS
TO FIRST-TIME PARENTS



## 50 TIPS FOR NEW PARENTS

NAVIGATING PARENTHOOD

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Take care of yourself first, so you can take better care of your baby. Get enough sleep, eat nutritious food, and exercise when possible.



Follow your instincts, and trust yourself. You know your baby best, so if something feels off, don't hesitate to contact your healthcare provider.



Sleep when your baby sleeps. Rest is essential for new parents, so take advantage of any opportunity to nap or rest when your baby is sleeping.



Accept help from family and friends. Don't be afraid to ask for help, and don't feel guilty about accepting help when it's offered.



Create a routine. Babies thrive on routines, so try to establish a consistent schedule for feeding, sleeping, and playtime.



Prepare for breastfeeding. If you plan to breastfeed, talk to a lactation consultant or attend a breastfeeding class before your baby is born.

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Practice safe sleep habits. Always place your baby on their back to sleep, and make sure the crib is free of loose bedding and toys.

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Stock up on essentials. Make sure you have plenty of diapers, wipes, and other essentials on hand, so you don't have to worry about running out.

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Don't compare your baby to others. Every baby is unique and develops at their own pace, so don't stress if your baby isn't meeting milestones at the same time as others.



Talk to your partner. Communicate openly and honestly with your partner about your feelings, fears, and concerns.

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Create a safe home environment. Babyproof your home by securing cabinets, covering outlets, and removing choking hazards.

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Be patient. Parenting is a journey, and it takes time to learn and adjust to your new role.

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Get a baby swing or rocker. These can be a lifesaver when you need to free up your hands or soothe a fussy baby.



## YOUR FIRST BREATH TOOK OURS AWAY



Remember that it's okay to make mistakes. Nobody is a perfect parent, and it's normal to feel overwhelmed or unsure at times.

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Join a parenting group. Connecting with other new parents can provide a sense of community and support.

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Take breaks when you need them. It's okay to step away for a few minutes when you're feeling overwhelmed or frustrated.

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Stay organised. Use a planner or calendar to keep track of appointments, milestones, and to-do lists.



Practice self-compassion. Be kind and gentle with yourself, and don't beat yourself up over mistakes or setbacks.





Take care of your physical health. Make sure you're getting enough exercise, staying hydrated, and taking care of any medical issues that arise.

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Keep a sense of humor. Parenting can be challenging, but keeping a sense of humor can help you stay positive and resilient.

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Give yourself grace. Don't expect to be able to do everything perfectly, and don't beat yourself up over mistakes or setbacks.

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Use a baby monitor. A baby monitor can help you keep an eye on your baby when you're not in the same room.

## THE TINIEST THING I EVER DECIDED TO PUT MY LIFE INTO



Keep a sense of perspective. Remember that the challenges of parenting are temporary and that things will get easier over time.



Create a calming bedtime routine. Establishing a consistent bedtime routine can help your baby relax and sleep better.



Don't be afraid to say no. It's okay to set boundaries and say no to requests or invitations that don't feel right for you or your baby.



Take care of your relationship with your own parents. Your relationship with your own parents can be a source of support and guidance during this time.



Be prepared for growth spurts. Babies often have periods of rapid growth, so be prepared for changes in their eating and sleeping habits.



Make time for family traditions. Creating family traditions can help you bond with your baby and create lasting memories.

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Take advantage of online resources. There are many online resources, such as parenting blogs and forums, that can provide support and guidance.

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Be mindful of screen time. Limit your baby's exposure to screens and prioritize face-to-face interaction and play.

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Practice gratitude. Take time to appreciate the joys and blessings of parenthood, even when things are challenging.

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Trust yourself. You are capable of being an amazing parent, and you will figure things out along the way.

