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Expect the best: mosey on over to our green-themed roundup of pregnancy products and lasso some inspiration.

**One of my least favorite** pregnancy memories: barfing under the slide at the park while my daughter clambered above, happily unaware. A ① Morning Chicness bag would have come in handy—they're just like motion-sickness bags, but girly ([www.morningchicnessbags.com](http://www.morningchicnessbags.com)). ② Utterly Yours' pregnancy pillow of eco memory foam buttons up into a tidy cube when not in use ([www.utterlyyours.com](http://www.utterlyyours.com)). Fair-trade ③ Suubi necklaces are made by Ugandan women from upcycled paper and beads, and can serve as labor and nursing beads down the line ([www.suubiafrica.com](http://www.suubiafrica.com)). Maintaining highlights is a no-no when pregnant, but you can brush on nontoxic, cream-blush-textured ④ MimicColor to soften the growing-in period ([www.mimiccolor.com](http://www.mimiccolor.com)). It washes out with your next shampoo.

When you get that second-trimester energy boost, avail yourself of the following: the sassy ⑤ BornFit Maternity Wilder Skort ([www.bornfit.com](http://www.bornfit.com)) and ⑥ New Balance NB 170 eco sneakers ([www.newbalance.com](http://www.newbalance.com)). ⑦ Liberator's Wedge/Ramp combo increases your options of staying intimate with your partner:

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Use it to avoid lying flat on your back, which can increase pressure on your aorta ([www.romancebetweenthelines.com](http://www.romancebetweenthelines.com)). And at every opportunity, slather on organic ⑧ SheaTerra Bourbon Vanilla body butter to nourish your stretching skin ([www.sheaterraorganics.org](http://www.sheaterraorganics.org)).

⑨ Pocket Dots keep your jeans attached to your shirt or pregnancy band at a time when clothes

tend to ride up or sag ([www.pocketdots.com](http://www.pocketdots.com)). Liddell Laboratories offers ⑩ oral homeopathic sprays for pregnancy, delivery support, and postpartum mood support ([www.liddell.net](http://www.liddell.net)). Get crafty and save money; Little Comet Tails is a mom-owned business ([www.littlecomettails.com](http://www.littlecomettails.com)) that provides ⑪ patterns for baby clothes and cloth diapers. In the kitchen, lower your chemical load with ⑫ Seventh Generation Dishwasher Pacs ([www.seventhgeneration.com](http://www.seventhgeneration.com)).

A new big brother or sister might like an ⑬ "I'm a Big Kid" blanket by Lilitah, a company that distinguishes itself by embroidering on its blankets healing affirmations in the form of symbols ([www.lilitah.com](http://www.lilitah.com)). This struck me as a little out-there, but I got one for my son's naptime, and within a few days his teacher asked me, "What changed? He's so much more cooperative and happy at school now." Cuddly, customizable ⑭ baby dolls by Bamboletta come with a flannel diaper and velour pajamas ([www.bamboletta.com](http://www.bamboletta.com)). Your older child can record baby's first home movies with her own kid-friendly ⑮ Crayola camcorder ([www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)).

Keep baby close in the ⑯ UV Moby Wrap, which filters out the sun's rays. You can order organic ⑰ BabyLegs leggings to match ([www.mobywrap.com](http://www.mobywrap.com)). The ⑱ Kokopax baby carrier is lightweight and comes in six fabrics with matching diaper bags ([www.kokopax.com](http://www.kokopax.com)). Go natural with cloth diapers and wipes like ⑲ Swaddlebees' all-in-one hybrid pocket diaper ([www.modernmommygear.com](http://www.modernmommygear.com)) and the ⑳ Prince Lionheart Wipes Warmer ([www.princelionheart.com](http://www.princelionheart.com)), which comes with reusable bamboo wipes. ㉑ LùSa Organics' Baby Wipe Juice concentrate imbues your cloth wipes with witch hazel, aloe vera, calendula, and essential oils ([\[www.organics.com\]\(http://www.organics.com\)\). The ㉒ Hygeia EnJoye breast pump is professional-grade and green: It can be shared among or passed along to other mothers \(\[www.hygeiababy.com\]\(http://www.hygeiababy.com\)\).](http://www.lusa</a></p>
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㉓ Handmade Baby Books, made by a work-at-home mom-and-pop duo, are fully customizable—each book is one of a kind. Choose pages that correspond to your family's experience: home or hospital birth, adoption, mom and dad, mom and mom, dad and dad, single parent. Adriane Bovone's elegantly whimsical artwork adorns each page, and each cover is unique ([www.handmadebabybook.com](http://www.handmadebabybook.com)). Robbie Adrian's ㉔ silk-edged lovey of organic cotton is so soft that I want one for myself ([www.robbeeadrian.com](http://www.robbeeadrian.com)). Sewn-Natural makes colorful organic-cotton ㉕ baby quilts and offers them at Etsy.com. Also available at Etsy are winsome, handmade ㉖ photo mats by Felted Fanatic: Slide a picture in and let baby squeeze, snuggle, tug, and teethe on this natural mat, which has lots of enticing ribbon tabs. Keep those tiny tootsies warm in baby ㉗ Warmbats, eco-friendly sheepskin booties from Down Under ([www.warmbat.com](http://www.warmbat.com))—or go low-profile with ㉘ Baberoo organic Hip Socks ([www.baberoo.com](http://www.baberoo.com)). And when baby's pearly whites begin to descend, have a ㉙ RockLovePeace teether ready; they're made from LEED-certified cherrywood and finished with organic beeswax ([www.rocklovepeace.com](http://www.rocklovepeace.com)).



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