

Got a toddler? Check out these 12 must-haves

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All of a sudden your sweet and innocent baby has turned into a walking, talking toddler. With that comes a whole new set of milestones: booster seats, potty training, picky eating, and more. Here are my top picks for must-haves to tame the terrible twos, threenagers and oh...the fours....

1. Britax Click Tight Frontier: Around age 4 your child will likely be old enough (and big enough — check the seat’s specifications as they differ) for a booster or a harness booster. This seat is great as it allows for you to keep your little one in a five-point harness a little longer and also uses the Click Tight technology for a safe, secure, and easy install. Once your child is ready, this seat converts to a traditional booster. ([Target](#), \$264.99)



2. BubbleBum Booster: This is your PERFECT travel companion for those already in a booster. It packs flat and inflates into a standard booster seat making it a great option for carpooling, travel, or even city living. It’s portable, packable and currently is one of the products I use most. ([Bubblebum](#), \$29.99)

3. My Carry Potty: This seat folds and seals shut making it the perfect companion for at home or on the go. Keep it in your car for emergencies, or in your bathroom for when you need it. It’s leakproof, bag-free, and has a watertight seal. ([Target](#), \$29.99)



4. Skip Hop Zoo Jamas: Two-piece PJs are a must for easy on and off! These are adorable and available in five of Skip Hop’s Zoo Pal characters. ([Skip Hop](#), \$25)

5. Micro Mini Kickboard Original: Your stroller days are numbered, so it’s time to think about other modes of transport. Kids LOVE these scooters and can zip around on them as young as age two. Make sure to wear a helmet and have fun! (Pssst...this makes a great birthday gift!) ([Micro Kickboard](#), \$79.99)



6. Fairy Tales Rosemary Repel Hair Spray: All it takes to ruin your week is one note home from preschool/daycare/camp that there is a case of lice. Free of toxins, this spray is gentle and safe and can be used by the whole family. Spray it on and comb it through to repel lice. ([Fairy Tales Haircare](#), \$12.95)

7. Thermos Fogoo Vacuum Insulated Straw Bottle: Now that your toddler can (and will) throw their cups all the time, you need a new leakproof solution. These cups are great — drinks are kept cold, but they have a straw



and are dishwasher-safe. They can also be used with Thermos' interchangeable top system. ([Bed, Bath and Beyond](#), \$15.99)

8. **PackIt Lunch Bags:** Your tot only eats yogurt? These lunch bags make it possible to take it with you wherever you go! They are coolers that can keep food and drinks cool for up to ten hours. ([PackIt](#), \$19.99)

9. **Keen Newport Shoes:** Your early walker is now a runner and is EVERYWHERE. Supportive footwear is a must. Now that summer is coming, Keen's Newport shoe is the perfect for the beach, pool and park. It's a closed toe, but is waterproof, durable and comes on and off easily. ([Keen Footwear](#), \$45)

10. **Step Two Push Around Buggy:** Another option for those tots who refuse to go in the stroller, almost every kid in the 2-year-old set at the park can be found sporting one of these in a variety of colors. A great way to get your tough toddler from point A to point B without a tantrum, this also makes a great birthday present. ([Step Two](#), \$49.99)

11. **EZPZ Happy Mat:** If you are blessed with a food thrower (like me), this product will save not only your kitchen, but you many hours of cleaning it. It sticks to the table top so your toddler can't hurl it across the kitchen with the food still on top. ([Nordstrom](#), \$24.99)

12. **Personalized Seeing Stars Cape:** There is no toddler out there who doesn't want to be a superhero. Get them a cape of their own and let them know that they can conquer the world. ([Psychobaby](#), \$20)

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