

MAKING LIFE MORE FUN

Filling Grandparents' Houses With Children's Laughter

(NAPSA)—To be a new grandparent is to relive some of the best moments of your life. So make sure you prepare ahead of time for your grandchild's frequent visits.

Your new role requires preparation. In addition to getting yourself back in the mindset of having a baby around, you also need to prepare your house for baby's many visits. Talk with your son or daughter about what baby likes and essentials to have on hand, such as a duplicate of baby's favorite bear in case his or hers accidentally gets left at home, extra diapers and wipes, etc.

Your son or daughter will know that frequent visits to Grandma and Grandpa's house are encouraged if your house is a safe and fun environment for small beings with inquisitive hearts.

"When my mom became a grandmother, I helped her load up her house with some of the latest and coolest baby gadgets out there," tech expert and eBay gadget director Cat Schwartz said. "I ended up wanting to spend more time at her house than at mine! Of course getting the basic baby supplies is a must for new grandparents, so start there and build your way up to baby paradise."

For example, having raised your own kids, you know that swaddling a baby—and keeping him/her in the swaddle—is a fine art. Swaddling blankets have become every mother's best friend. LullaWrap's flannel swaddling blanket ensures that sweet dreams and sleeping tight are never far away.

Baby-proofing is essential. Alleviating the need to deal with clunky cabinet and drawer stoppers when your grandchild's curious hands aren't around, Safety 1st's Tot Locks use a magnetic key that can be turned off and on during family visits. A storable "pla-



A printing mailbox can be a convenient way to get regular pictures of a new grandchild.

yard" is also a safe and convenient way to give your little one some space to play without letting him or her wander around the house. Some of the nicer ones, such as Graco's Pack 'n Play Playard, also come with a full-size bassinet and a changing crib that can easily be set up in any room.

As much as you like having the baby at your home, you know that's not always possible. Regular photo updates are a great way to keep up with your grandchild's everyday moments. Presto lets you receive e-mailed messages and digital photos, without a computer or Internet connection, through its unique Printing Mailbox. Now it's easy for your family to send you updates and pictures of the little one that are automatically printed in color. All you have to do is pick up the printed messages and photos, read and enjoy! To learn more, call (800) 919-3199 or visit www.presto.com.