



Budgeting made easy.

\$aving now for a crib can save
your baby's life.

With careful planning and a little help from family and friends, you can save for a safe, portable crib. Good models to choose include:

- Basic Graco Pack 'n Play Playard, about \$45
- Graco Pack 'n Play Playard with bassinet, about \$70
 - "Holiday" portable crib, \$139



Who can help?

Identify other people who may be able to help you. Ask these people to contribute \$10 for the purchase of a crib. Here are some examples of people you can ask to help you:

*Baby's father *Family and friends *Coworkers



Baby Shower

If you are having a baby shower, ask those attending to offer a contribution toward a crib. As little as \$5 or \$10 will help! Instead of asking for a bassinet, consider asking for a pack 'n play with a bassinet level so that your baby can grow into the crib.

Layaway can help you budget

Some stores offer a layaway option for purchases, including Kmart, Babies'R Us, and Burlington Coat Factory. This means that you pay 10-20% of the crib price up front (approximately \$8-15); then you pay off the rest over a period of 8 or 12 weeks. Friends and family can also go to the store and put down money. When you have paid the full price, you may take the crib from the store.

Online Shopping

You can find less expensive crib models on a store's website than what may be available in your local store. Some stores offer free shipping from their warehouse to your store and may offer free shipping to your home if the purchase is over \$50.

Secondhand Items

Ask friends if you can borrow a crib or pack 'n play that they are not using. Thrift stores can also be a good place to look for inexpensive used baby items. Philadelphia Craigslist.com is also a good place to find gently used items. Make sure that any secondhand items meet safety standards, as some older models of cribs have been recalled.

