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HAPPY BLACK FRIDAY! Are you out shopping? Or are you relaxing at home in a tryptophan-induced stupor like me? \*wink\* Either way, I hope you had an excellent Thanksgiving!

I wanted to share 2 “best of” lists with you – Christmas gift ideas and baby shower gift ideas. FYI, I am NOT including any of the products that I featured in the Days of Christmas event, because they are ALL excellent gift ideas and that was kinda the point of the whole event!

### CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS



Since my initial review, I wore my [EarPeace](#) earplugs to the Foo Fighters concert, and they were A-MA-ZING. The concert actually sounded BETTER with the earplugs in. I took them out once as I headed up to the concession area, and the arena just sounded like white noise. With the ear plugs in, that ambient white noise was filtered out, leaving only the crisp sounds of the music. My poor husband had an ear ache after the concert because it was SO loud (and 3 hours long, thank you Foo Fighters!). He'll be getting EarPeace earplugs for Christmas!



[Sara B. Illustration](#) artwork is simply beautiful. I still find myself staring at her prints and poring over every fine detail. I have a lot of respect for artists, especially those as talented as Sara.



I still use my [PlanetWise Snack Bags](#) almost every single day. The only time they don't get used is when I bring leftovers from dinner the night before (because I don't want to put mushy leftover stuffing, gravy and cranberry sauce in my snack bags – I could, but plastic containers are easier to clean in this situation). If I bring a sandwich, fresh veggies, pretzels, bagel, or other non-mushy-wet foods, I use my snack bags. They are awesome!



I am in love with the quality of [Out of Print Clothing](#)'s tees, and there are so many designs that I want to be wearing! Anyone who loves to read, or loves vintage, or just plain loves a good looking and comfy tee, would love to get an Out of Print tee for Christmas.

## BABY SHOWER GIFT IDEAS

Babies are born year round, so this goes out to all of those who are baby shower shopping!



[M0nsterM0mma](#) has made some awesome additions to her Etsy shop since my initial review! You have to check out her M0nster hats that coordinate with her bibs! They are adorable!



Thirsties



Charlie Banana

I have reviewed a lot of cloth diaper brands this year, so I wanted to tell you which cloth diapers have stood the test of time and have become the staples in my home :: [Thirsties](#) Duo Wraps with cotton prefolds and [Charlie Banana](#) one size pocket diapers. While I have liked all of the diapers I have reviewed and still use all of them, I LOVE Charlie Banana and Thirsties. They are my go-to diapers, and are the ones I grab first when all of the diapers are clean.



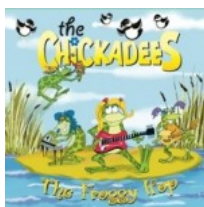
[Wooly Rounds](#) wool dryer balls have made drying my diapers so much quicker and easier! We only use them for cloth diapers these days, because my hubby does HUGE loads of clothes – which doesn't allow for them to bounce around like they are supposed to. They work great for cloth diapers!



[Halo SleepSacks](#) are must haves for babies. Always an excellent baby shower gift idea. Lily sleeps in her SleepSack every single night. The peace of mind gained from not having loose blankets in her crib is absolutely awesome.



We use our [Paisley Pineapple](#) organic cart/highchair cover every time we go shopping or out to eat. I adore it. I'm not super icky about germs in general, but I am definitely mindful of germs during cold/flu season. Even if you're not a germophobe, a cover makes carts is SO much more comfortable for the child. I no longer have to worry if the shopping cart is too freezing cold or too hot from sitting in the sun, and Lily just seems so much more relaxed when we use the cover (we forgot it a couple of times, and she was more antsy than normal, and wanted OUT of the cart). When I use it when we go out to eat, it contains most of Lily's mess so less ends up on the restaurant floor. I just gather it up when we are done eating and shake it out when we get out in the parking lot. Sweet!



[The Chickadees](#) are sure to get any baby grooving. Our friends from Portland brought their 2 year old boy over recently, and he was totally dancing when we played this CD. We literally listen to this CD every day. And I'm not tired of it! That should tell you how great this CD is!

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