

# PREGNANCY & newborn

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## The best baby stores around the country

Sure, there are great stores online and fabulous mega-chains, but there are also some little jewels tucked away behind storefronts across the U.S. AMY BRAYFIELD shopped her way across America to find the best little baby stores you've never heard of.

**GRANNY-MADE**  
New York: 381 Amsterdam Ave at 79th; 212/496-1222  
I'll be the first to admit that I'm a sucker for a hand-knit baby sweater, especially now that I don't have time to knit them myself. I'd buy all my baby presents at this cute little Upper West Side shop. (They also sell really cute baby gifts and toys, but it's the sweaters that get me



**PICKET FENCES**  
Austin, Texas: 1003 W 34th St; 512/458-2565

In addition to all the chic baby essentials—with tons of pastel-tinted options—Picket Fences has a cool service that lets you customize baby bedding and window treatments to create a one-of-a-kind nursery for your baby.



**B. BRAITHWAITE**  
Atlanta: 1198 Howell Mill Rd; 404/605-0963

I don't know whether it's a blessing or a curse that this chic baby boutique is only 20 minutes from my house, but I do know that I spend a lot of time wandering through the tiny dollhouse space to drool over my favorite contemporary gear. My favorite part: The way the furniture gets set up in tiny little "rooms" so that you get a real feel for how it all comes together.



**NAKED BABY BOUTIQUE**  
Studio City, Calif.: 12334 Ventura Blvd; 818/760-8851

This hipster-friendly baby store carries tiny rocker tees, drool-worthy baby shoes and baby fashion that you sure won't find at the mall. And the staff is surprisingly friendly for such hip digs—they'll gift-wrap baby gifts at no charge and even help you go through the whole store with a fine-tooth comb to put together the perfect baby shower gift basket.