



Bundles of Joy

Baby, it's cold outside! This month we get the scoop from four mothers who've come up with cuddly ways to keep your tots toasty.

THE PERFECT PICK-MEE-UP

PortaMee, the brainchild of moms Jennifer Gilbert and Robin Stein, is the latest in high-end baby accessories. "There were no carriers for C-section moms, and none for babies weighing in at more than 15 pounds," says Gilbert. Also, in the Björn carrier, you can't watch your baby when she's facing away from you. "The only way I could see if my child was asleep or what she was doing," Gilbert recalls, "was by looking in a store window!"



Now a slew of celebrity moms (Jennifer Garner, Christy Turlington, Angelina Jolie) are sporting the innovative design. The carryall, the only one on the market that can comfortably hold a child up to three years old, concentrates the weight of the child on the mom's hip and uses a waist harness/lumbar support for the back.

PortaMee has compartments for a cell phone, BlackBerry, wallet, key ring, bottle, and diapers, and comes in two versions, a snugly shearing model available in black or brown (\$450), or a brown water-resistant nylon number with a pink, blue, or camel Ultrasuede interior (\$200). Available at *Giggle*, 120 Wooster Street, 212-334-5817; *Cadeau*, 254 Elizabeth Street, 212-674-5747; *portamee.com*.

WINNING THE SAC RACE

When Stephanie Winston Wolkoff, *Vogue's* director of special events, had her first son, there were no luxury alternatives to nylon or polyester fleece stroller warmers. Her solution: She designed a shearing sack that would tuck right into any stroller and zip up to her son's cute little face "like a coat—thick and padded," she says. "Then people

stopped me on the street and asked me where I got it."

So Wolkoff answered the call of stylish New York moms like Melania Trump, Heather Mnuchin, and Jessica Seinfeld and created the **ZacSac** (\$1,000).

Available in navy, camel, brown, pink, or red, the sack has belt loops that make it usable in any stroller, and the side zippers provide easy access to your child.

Wolkoff, who recently gave birth to her third baby, still runs the business on the side, calling it "worth the time," if only to keep those tiny fingers and toes safe from the great winter warlock. E-mail swolkoff@mac.com for availability.



HAPPINESS IS A WARM POPOVER

Jacqueline Haberfeld, a stay-at-home mom, couldn't find anything to keep her little one warm in the baby carrier, so she invented the **Popover** (\$90)—an attractive, sporty pullover. The Popover, like the ZacSac, also caused a stir on the streets. People stopped her all over town—including one new mom, Cynthia Nixon—to inquire about her invention. Two years later, Haberfeld's patented creation has her working full time from home. "My bedroom equals my executive office, the living room has become the packing and shipping department, my shower is now the warehouse, and my nanny is the personal assistant to the president," jokes Haberfeld.

The Popover has a reversible hood that enables a child to face in or out. Made of the softest, lightest, and warmest water-resistant Polartec WindPro fleece on the market, the Popover pro-



vides such excellent protection from the elements that the baby can travel sans coat or snowsuit. As one mom explains, "I love it because I don't have to take my baby out of the carrier then remove all the extra layers. I just pull off the Popover and we're all set."

Available at *Lester's*, 1534 Second Avenue, 212-734-9292; popoverbaby.com.—C.G.C. [G]

Million Dollar Babies

SOFIA SPRENGLE

Born: March 6, 2006
Lives: Wall Street
Loves: Music, singing, and dancing
Future career: Broadway actress



COOPER CEVA

Born: April 5, 2005
Lives: Tribeca
Loves: World travel, socializing, dogs
Future career: Explorer



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