

Nursery Assessment Quiz

Print and fill out this sheet to get an overall view of the needs of a newborn. Plan your baby's space right from the beginning so that as your child grows, the room and its furnishings will be adaptable for growth.

Questions:		Answers:
Space and Sleeping Arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where will the baby sleep? • Is there a separate room for the nursery • Will the baby share a room with a sibling? • Will the infant sleep in the parent's room? • If the room is shared, will there be a place of privacy and quiet set up where the baby can sleep during the day without disturbance? 	
Safety Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the room is painted is the paint certified lead free? • Are there locks on the windows? • Is the crib placed away from the window and window cords? • Some imported vinyl blinds contain lead. Have you checked on this? • Are all electrical outlets covered with self-sealing outlet covers? • Are radiators and baseboards covered with protective screens? • Are lamp cords fastened to the wall with cord sleeves? • Do you have smoke alarms installed? • Have you thought of installing a video camera? 	

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Furniture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have a crib? • Does it meet the crib safety specifications? • Is the crib sturdy enough for an active growing child? • Is your changing table solid and does it contain straps for holding rolling infants to keep them safe? • Do the toy chests and closets have safety hinges and air holes? • Is the furniture solid enough to be climbed on without tipping over? 	
Look and Feel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you want to decorate for a boy, girl, or do you prefer gender neutral look? • Have you decided on a particular style of furniture? • Have you chosen your colors and fabric yet? • Will the room be strictly an infant's bedroom? • Will there be a sitting area for parents, siblings, and grandparents to gather while visiting the baby? • Will the room later have multiple uses such as a playroom, study room, or perhaps down the road, shared with younger siblings? (don't laugh—it comes really fast!!) 	

Now that you have answered a few question to start off your thinking and planning, return to Nursery Decorating for help in moving on to your next step.