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CosmoTot

Like me, you're a newish mom or dad to a drooly, diapered darling who keeps your hands and hips full 24/7. And, although your days are spent carrying and cleaning your wobbly wonder, you still want to know what's chic and cool. That's where CosmoTot comes in. Find reviews on the latest in trendy baby fashions, retro toys and vintage gear for infants 0-12 months, with the occasional nifty giftie for mom and dad.

I'm Not Staring At You, I'm Pooping ★★★★★



Ok, so I can't take credit for that line. It came straight from the mind of comedic entrepreneur and new mom, Gabby Brennan's line of hilarious (I'm still giggling, ok, cracking up) gabbybaby onesies and tees that are completely defying the "unspoken, unwritten rules" of parental politesse.

I don't encounter this as much now that Bubbie's a toddler, but when he was just a tiny fresh-baked little thing, complete strangers on the street, at the store, in the doctor's office, or even at restaurants, figured our life was an open book to be picked over, criticized, or that Bubbie was a free ticket to give us plenty - and I mean a heapin' pile of plenty - unwanted advice. People asked me all sorts of personal questions about circumcision, breastfeeding, whether or not my husband and I had resumed our pillow talk, how I was letting my baby catch a draft, that I had him completely over-dressed/under-dressed, or simply tsk, tsking at me as I tried to ease his crankiness. It was frustrating, but what can you do aside from issue a tight smile, count to ten under your breath, and quickly try to get away?

gabbybaby answers all of those nosy well-wishers with sweet messages that really speak to what parents wish they could say. Among my favorite styles are the coy: "please resist the urge to give my parents advice, they're doing a great job;" the one I wish I could have made in to a rubber stamp: "please don't ask my mommy if she's working;" and the one my husband loves: "please be nice to my parents, they don't get a lot of sleep."

Each garment arrives in style, too - would you expect anything less? - on a coordinating hanger beribboned with festive polka-dots, which is included in the price. Awesome!

A great added touch, too is the pleasant "thank you, xoxo" that follows each statement that'll be even funnier as baby grins at the offending party ever so innocently. And, maybe it'll even serve as a nice reminder to busybodies to buzz elsewhere. Emily Post would be proud. \$22-\$29

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