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KNIT KNACKS Courteney Cox keeps daughter Coco, 2, cozy with the handmade Patchwork Blanky (\$134) and the Patch Sweater (\$100) from Jesse Walker Knit Goods, both sewn with supersoft yarn. The blanket is offered in boy and girl color patterns, such as pink and purple or blue and red (jessewalkerknitgoods.com).



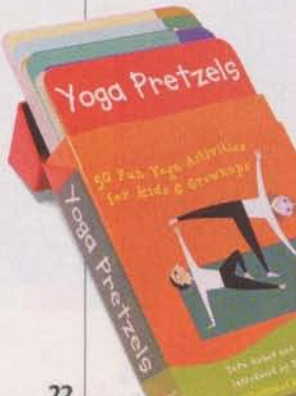
Hang It Up!

The newest look for children's bedrooms: Oopsy Daisy, Fine Art for Kids. The vibrant, playful paintings feature images ranging from maps and animals to growth charts and circus parades and have caught the eye of moms Jodie Foster, Sarah Jessica Parker, and Jennie Garth (\$28-\$300; oopsydaisy.com).

Hot Picks From Celebrity Parents

SOLE MATES Geena Davis loves Pediped's lightweight, soft-soled shoes for her 2-year-old twins, Kian and Kaiis. The stylish footwear features Velcro fasteners and a double layer of leather on the bottom to endure extensive toddling adventures (\$28-\$30; pedipedbabysshoes.com).

CAUSE CÉLÈBRE Moms Cindy Crawford and Jill Hennessy mix style and philanthropy with their Liz Claiborne totes, sales of which fund treatment for kids with cancer and other diseases at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The purses include a removable key chain with the hospital's logo (small: \$24; large: \$32; 800-746-1539).



READING ROOM

Debra Messing, mother to son Roman, 2, and Paul McCartney, father of 2-year-old Beatrice, are fans of Barefoot Books, including *Herb, the Vegetarian Dragon* and *Yoga Pretzels*, oversized cards featuring yoga poses and activities for grown-ups and kids (\$14.99; barefootbooks.com).

For more gifts and gear that celebrity parents love, go to www.child.com/web_links.

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