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PYJAMA COMPANY BAMBURY MICRO FLEECE ROBE

The Pyjama Company's number one-selling robe is perfect to throw on when you get up in the night to soothe a teething baby, calm a toddler who's had a bad dream or feed your newborn. Lightweight, warm, soft and cuddly, easy to wash and dry. Available in mint, white or chocolate. \$79.95. Matching slippers \$22.50. See www.pyjamacompany.co.nz.

FIRST UP

Comfy robes, dry nights with a hint of light

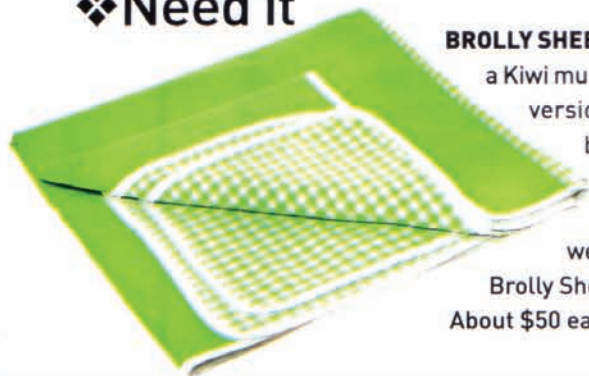
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GIIMMO NIGHT LIGHT: A night light that doesn't emit any heat, so your child can carry it to the toilet. Also great for mums doing night feeds. Made from a milky-white PVC material, its internal LED light gradually fades through the colours of the rainbow. AC charger powered (charger and base included). The hedgehog charges when sitting on the base. \$54.95. See www.mamamias.co.nz.



❖ Need it



BROLLY SHEETS: Mattress protectors designed by a Kiwi mum, perfect for night training. This new version can be tumble-dried. Waterproof backing on a 100 per cent cotton upper with flaps which tuck in straight over the bottom sheet. If your child wets the bed, you can easily whip off the Brolly Sheet to reveal a dry bed underneath. About \$50 each. Go to www.BrollySheets.com.

Teach your child... Mandarin

Keen to help your child learn Mandarin? Nickelodeon New Zealand has launched a new preschool series, *Ni Hao, Kai-Lan*, which teaches Mandarin to Kiwi preschoolers. It's on SKY Channel 41 daily at 11am.



Ask Dr Ruth

Q *I have a baby and two school-aged kids. We keep our house pretty tidy and I have always taught my kids not to charge through other people's homes when we're out visiting. I've got a friend with two toddlers. They are lovely, but they are little dynamos who destruct everything in their path. When they visit it's stressful. What's the best way to handle this?*

A REGISTERED PSYCHOLOGIST DR RUTH JILLINGS REPLIES:

Do you ever long for the days when friendship was a simple matter of seeing if you had things in common with a person and enjoying spending time with them?

These days it is a whole lot more complex, based on compatibility of parenting styles, whether the kids get on and, more importantly, whether any of the kids are hitters, biters or

destroyers. Many a friendship has come to a sticky end over the kids.

A friendship of mine which was in the very early stages died a quick death when her four year old sunk his teeth into my six month old's head and she didn't even blink. I was done and dusted after that. In your case, you value the friendship so it is important to take

