

# Good Housekeeping

**SOUP'S ON!**  
Easy Recipes

## Good Housekeeping INSTITUTE Junior

Products, trends, and the latest in kid culture



### Soothing sheep

**NOTABLE TOY** The sounds of rain showers, whale songs, and the ocean surf can calm adult nerves. Now it's baby's turn to relax. The Sleep Sheep from Cloud B, which you mount on the side of a crib, produces sound for up to 23 minutes. It might even help infants snooze through the night. \$25; 888-425-6832; at babiesrus.com.



### Keep bathtime safe

**INNOVATION** Kel-Gar's new Tub-Rug Jr. lets you know when the bathwater is too hot for bare bottoms. As soon as the temperature hits 90°F, the tub rug's warning bubble starts to change color, so you can cool the water *before* your kids get in. We like the traction, too: When GHI engineers put the tub rug to the test, it stayed put. Bonus points for the cute designs. \$14.95; www.dreamtimebaby.com.

**Moms in denial: New research has found that 32 percent of mothers of overweight kids say their youngsters are "about the right weight."**

### Are these toys trouble?

**DANGER REPORT** Two toys that are all the rage with school-age kids could pose safety risks for younger siblings. Mighty Beanz are hot collectibles, but these inch-long plastic capsules present a potential choking hazard for kids under three. As for Yo Yo Waterballs, squishy balls attached to stretch cords, the risk isn't potential—it's proven. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has logged 186 reported incidents of cords wrapping around kids' necks and sometimes causing broken blood vessels on the neck, face, or around the eyes. Our tests confirmed the toy is a choking danger and revealed it is flammable too. Canada and France have banned the toy, but the CPSC has opted not to; instead, it has issued a statement telling parents to "exercise caution."



Above: Yo Yo Waterballs; right: Mighty Beanz



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