

Guide to Firsts: Clipping your baby's nails

Here are some tips and tricks for clipping your baby's tiny nails, including what tools to use and the best time to trim them.

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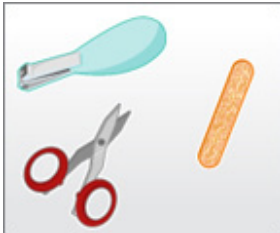
Keep them short: Your baby's nails may be soft, but they can scratch! Trim them often to avoid sharp edges.

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Get a firm grip: Hold your baby's hand, push the finger pad away from the nail, and carefully clip along the finger's curve.

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Use the right tools: Pick up a pair of nail clippers or scissors or a nail file made for your baby's tiny fingers and toes.

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Be prepared: If you nick your baby's skin, hold a tissue against the cut for a few minutes, or until the bleeding stops.

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Time it right: It's easiest to clip the nails when your baby is asleep or distracted by a feeding. Tip: Nails are softest after a bath.

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Mind the toes: Remember that your baby's toenails need clipping too, though not as frequently as fingernails.