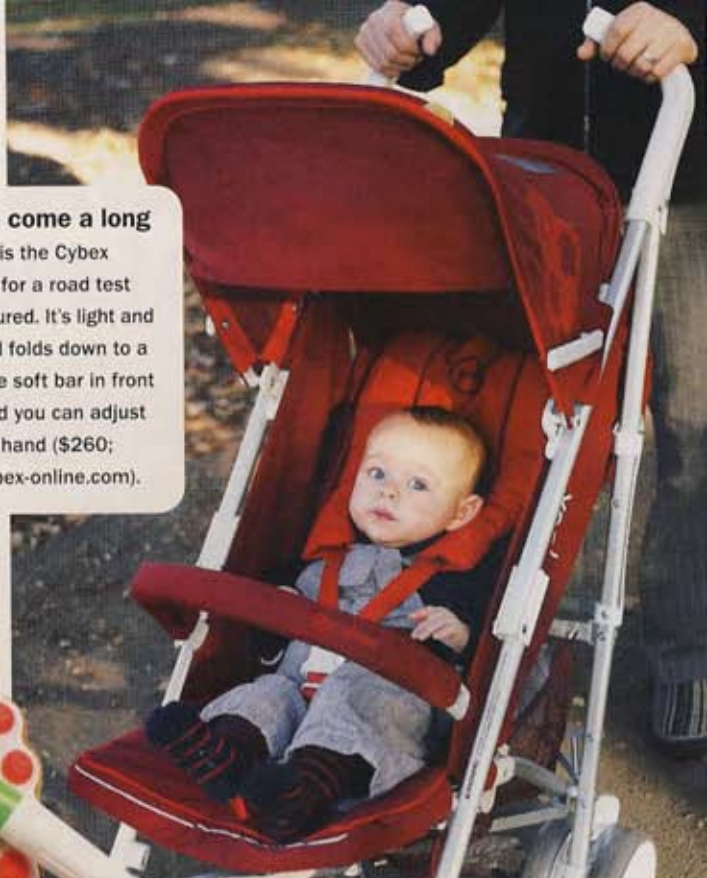


DID YOU KNOW? The first documented stroller was made by an English garden architect in 1733. William Kent created a basket on wheels for the Duke of Devonshire's children to sit in; a goat or pony could pull them when the buggy was attached to a harness. It took another 100 years for the stroller to catch on, when Queen Victoria used one to walk with her babies.

→ **Strollers have come a long way!** A new favorite is the Cybex Topaz, which we sent for a road test with the little guy pictured. It's light and sharply designed, and folds down to a small size. We like the soft bar in front for attaching toys, and you can adjust the harness with one hand (\$260; 800-593-5522 or cybex-online.com).



The Sweetest Love Notes!

Kookie Stationery is an online store based in Canada that specializes in edible (!) cards and invitations. Each one comes with a marker that writes in edible ink (\$10; kookie-stationery.com).

WHAT WE DO TO KEEP OUR JOBS

What maternity leave? Only 56% of women surveyed took their full maternity leave, and 33% stayed involved with work while they were out. *Source: Parents Magazine*

New Pail on the Block

The Munchkin Arm & Hammer Diaper Pail uses baking soda to kill odors (\$35; diaperpail.com, Babies "R" Us).

Julie Cole, here with her six children, works with Autism Speaks.



Left: A Mabel's label that works on shoes, snack cups, and more (\$18.50 for 24 stickers)

The Baby Business

Mabel's Labels are safe for the dishwasher, microwave, and laundry. See them all at mabel.ca.

Julie Cole was a lawyer with three kids when her oldest son, Mack, was diagnosed with autism. She refocused her life, knowing she needed a more flexible schedule to accommodate his therapy, and in 2002 launched Mabel's Labels with some

close family members. Their popular "labels for the stuff kids lose" include stickers for sippy cups and snack containers, iron-on labels for tagless clothes, allergy-alert stickers, and ID wristbands, all completely personalized, of course.

—Hallie Schefflin