

# INFANT JULY 2017



## Can I Spoil My Baby With Too Much Love?

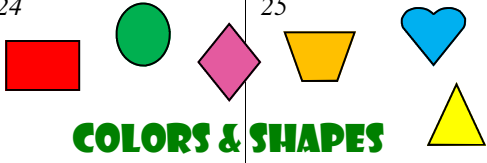
With all the loving attention and pampering of our babies, isn't there a danger of spoiling them by "loving them too much", and of creating creatures that will be forever demanding of everything under the sun? The answer to this question is an emphatic "No"!

Infants are completely helpless organisms whose very survival depends on their being fed, sheltered, and loved by their caregivers. Ironically, it is the infant who does not get his basic needs met who is more likely to be demanding and difficult later in life!

When babies cry, it is because they really do need something. Sometimes it is because of their basic need to be fed, bathed, and kept warm; at other times it is because of a simple need for attention—and a lot of it. For what is "attention" but the closeness and stimulation and love to which every baby is entitled! The very young infant, especially, needs the reassurance of active contact with the human environment to forestall the panic of isolation. Such contact convinces him of the solidity and reliability of this environment. Once this conviction has been formed, he will not have to ask constant reassurance, i.e., to seek attention. He will ask for it from time to time, but his need will not stem from panic.

It can be taken for a given that if a baby gets his essential needs met for love, security, and nurturing attention, he will have developed a basic trust in the people around him, and he will be able to tolerate denials. In this way the groundwork will be set for the development of a loving, contented, civilized and productive human being.

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