

## July 2nd is Made in the USA day!

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July 2nd is [Made in the USA Day!](#) On this day, people are encouraged to consider buying products made in the USA. Buying American is good for our economy by creating jobs and increasing tax revenue and funds to Medicare and Social Security System. It's also good for the environment and human rights with strict regulations in the US that govern manufacturing and labor rights. When products are made overseas there is little to no regulation of working conditions. Sweatshops are notorious for child labor, forced labor and other human rights violations. Buying products made in America is a good way to avoid supporting these grave labor atrocities. Most countries manufacturing goods for sale in the USA also do not have environmental protections laws (or they are not enforced). Companies that keep their manufacturing in the United States are subject to EPA regulations to help protect the land, air and water. Additionally, a made in USA product's carbon footprint is smaller because it has less distance to travel to the consumer. Another important reason to buy American-made products is safety. Products made in America are tested and inspected for safety standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. This helps protect our families from dangers posed by toxins, health risks and safety hazards. Buying locally also strengthens our communities. Supporting local shops helps promote the work of local craftsmen, small business owners and the future of manufacturing in America. When we support each other, we all win!

Show your patriotic side this July 2nd and beyond, by buying products made right here in the USA. There are a many great options to choose from, but here are some of our favorite American-made products:

### InRoad Toys

InRoad [Toys](#) take America's love affair with cars to a new level with its ingenious line of PlayTape, the perfect way to create instant roads for vehicle play, anytime, anywhere! Made in the USA, PlayTape sticks to any flat surface, easily tears to any length and is repositionable to create roads and tracks anywhere. Available in multiple colors, lengths and widths, the creation possibilities are endless. A 2016 Toy of the Year Finalist, PlayTape is now sold online and worldwide so car enthusiasts (young and old) for generations to come will have toy roads to drive on! MSRP: \$8.99 and up. For more information, visit [www.InRoadToys.com](http://www.InRoadToys.com).

### Milkies

Milkies award-winning line of essential [breastfeeding](#) products are made by moms, for mom right here in the USA. The Milkies Milk-Saver allows moms to collect leaking breast milk as they nurse, storing extra breast milk effortlessly. With the easy to use, slim, portable, and patented Milk-Saver, moms can breastfeed anywhere without the fear of embarrassing leaks or uncomfortable nursing pads. Its brilliant design has received accolades from lactation specialists, pediatricians and breastfeeding moms all over the world. The Milk-Saver has been rigorously tested to ensure zero chemical leaching and contains no BPA or phthalates, making it safe for mom and baby. It makes a great baby shower or new mom gift. MSRP: \$27.95. For more information, visit [www.MyMilkies.com](http://www.MyMilkies.com).

### Udderly Hot Mama® Nursing and Pumping Wear

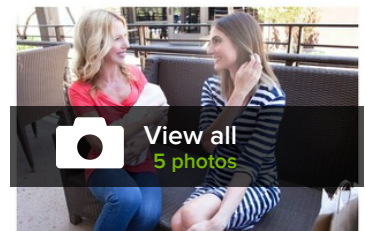
Udderly Hot Mama® designs and manufactures stylish nursing clothes for modern moms right here in the USA. Their effortless, chic and discreet line of nursing tops and dresses are thoughtfully designed with a mission support breastfeeding moms by providing them with the confidence to breastfeed at home and in public. Made of soft fabric that has excellent stretch and will bounce right back into shape, every Udderly Hot Mama garment contains the patent-pending inside flap that provides extra privacy during a feeding. When baby is ready to be weaned, moms can easily remove the inside flap and add the top or dress to their everyday wardrobe. MSRP: \$39.99-\$59.99. Available online for purchase at [www.Nordstrom.com](http://www.Nordstrom.com).

### UpSpring Baby

UpSpring Baby creates innovative health and wellness products that make life better for mom and baby. American-made Milkflow™ by UpSpring Baby is the all-natural, great-tasting drink mix alternative to traditional lactation teas and capsules for breastfeeding moms. Its concentrated blend of natural herbal extracts including fenugreek and blessed thistle help promote healthy breast milk supply. Milkflow can be taken any time by moms who want to boost their breast milk production such as during baby's growth spurts, after returning to work and starting to pump, or when baby's feeding needs surpass current milk production. Milkflow's convenient packets make it easy to use at home or on the go. MSRP: \$14.99. For more information, visit [www.UpSpringBaby.com](http://www.UpSpringBaby.com).

### Urbana Sacs

Urbana Sacs is a unique line of home décor and lifestyle accessories handmade in Los Angeles, CA from virgin pulp fiber and recycled polyester felts. The material is manufactured through cultivation, not deforestation, with sustainability built in. Like fabric, the sacs can be washed and used over and over again or dipped in water and shaped for whatever you have in mind. The creative sacs from Urbana Sacs provide chic and sustainable solutions for home and office organization. With five sizes available, the creative sacs collection provides smart storage options for any item: big, small, or in between. The carry sacs collection offers a variety of single, double and backpack-strap accessories for the entire family. From work and school to travel and leisure, Urbana



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