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## The Best Baby Cribs We Tested With Our Own Little Dreamers

Best Value: Delta Children Essex 4-in-1 Convertible Baby Crib



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**Why We Like It:** It's a wallet-friendly crib that can shift into a little sofa after your child outgrows it.

**But Take Note:** Even in the lowest mattress setting, the height of this crib is pretty shallow, which might be a problem for parents with taller babies.

Typically, convertible cribs are pricey affairs. The Essex crib is an exception to this rule. Along with a modest price point, we like that this crib is designed with longevity in mind. The "4-in-1" refers to crib, toddler, daybed, and sofa configurations. So, once your child has completely outgrown this bed, you could potentially continue to use it as a regular piece of furniture.

While this crib performed admirably in testing, one concern we had was that the materials didn't seem as high quality as some other options. If you have a more rambunctious baby, or are just naturally rough on furniture, this might not be a nursery item that can be used for multiple additions to your family. Also, note that the conversion kit is not included in your initial purchase.

Still, you'll get a choice of three finishes and a simple modern design that should work with any range of nursery or home decor schemes. Another nice feature of the Delta Essex Crib is that during assembly, you only need to use one type of screw, so you won't have to worry about using the wrong parts.

While the brand says that you can shift a standard-size crib mattress into one of the three available positions, our tests showed that even in the lowest setting, the overall crib height was still somewhat shallow. This might mean that parents with taller children would do better with a different crib. This crib is certified by the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA) to meet the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standards, however, so we know it's quite safe.

**Price at time of publication: \$220**

**The Details:**

- **Dimensions:** 54 x 29.5 x 34 inches
- **Configurations:** Crib, toddler bed, day bed, sofa
- **Mattress Positions:** 3
- **Weight Capacity:** 250 pounds
- **Materials:** Wood
- **Certifications:** JPMA Certified
- **Conversion Kit Included?** No

