

8 Mini Cribs to Suit Any Space and Budget

Mini cribs offer a great space-saving solution for smaller rooms.

Baby's come with a lot of stuff—from [changing tables](#) to [high chairs](#), the furniture alone can take up a ton of room in your home. Looking for a space-saving solution? Consider a mini crib. These compact cradles take up less floor space and are narrower than traditional models, meaning you can squeeze one in beside your bed. The best mini cribs are reliably safe, and many options are foldable and portable, so you can even take them on overnight trips to Grandma's house. Expecting twins or triplets? Mini cribs are a great option, as each child will need their own separate sleep space.

Eager to learn more? Keep reading to find out the differences between cribs and mini cribs—plus, our picks of the best mini cribs on the market.

What is a Mini Crib?

A mini crib is a smaller version of a **standard crib**. According to the **Consumer Product Safety Commission** (CPSC), a full-size crib must measure 28" wide by 52" long. Anything less than these dimensions can be categorized as mini. That said, most mini crib dimensions measure in at approximately 24" wide by 38" long.

Mini Crib Vs. Crib

Both mini cribs and full-size cribs have their own benefits and drawbacks. Keep reading to discover the pros and cons of each type.

- **Mini cribs.** The main benefit of a mini crib is that it takes up less space. Besides that, some smaller models have wheels for added portability, and can be folded away when they're not in use. Another advantage is that mini cribs tend to be more affordable, which is great if you're kitting out baby's room on a budget. One slight downside is that it can be harder to find mini crib mattresses and sheets. It's also important to note that your child may outgrow a mini crib faster than a standard size option.
- **Cribs.** Although full-size cribs may be large and bulky, they're also super-sturdy and reliable. Plus, many styles can be converted into toddler beds. A crib usually solid has legs without wheels, meaning it may be difficult to move it from room to room. Another thing to consider is that cribs tend to be more expensive than mini cribs or **bassinets**.

How Long Can a Baby Sleep in a Mini Crib?

Children can sleep in a mini crib until they outgrow it or are ready to move into a **toddler bed**. There's no hard-and-fast rule, but, in general, kids transition to a bed between the ages of 18 months and 3. The **American Academy of Pediatrics** (AAP) recommends room sharing—meaning baby sleeps in their own crib, mini crib or bassinet in your bedroom—for the first 6 to 12 months. You may also decide to get a mini crib for your room to use during this period and a full-size crib for their nursery.

Best Mini Cribs



Image: Delta Children

Best mini crib with mattress

Delta Children is a brand well known for its top-quality nursery furniture. This mini crib boasts the same style and craftsmanship as standard sizes, but on a smaller scale. It's made from strong, sturdy New Zealand pine and is **Greenguard Gold certified**, meaning it's free from over 10,000 harmful chemicals. The included mattress is thick, firm and waterproof. Better yet, it's built to last—simply adjust the mattress height as your little one begins to sit upright or stand. And, when your tot is ready to move on from a crib, it converts into a twin bed (adapter set sold separately).

Dimensions:

- 38.25" height x 41.25" width x 26" depth

Age and weight guidelines:

- Newborn up to 50 pounds

Buy it: Delta Children Classic Mini Crib Convertible to Twin Bed, \$150, [Target.com](https://www.target.com)