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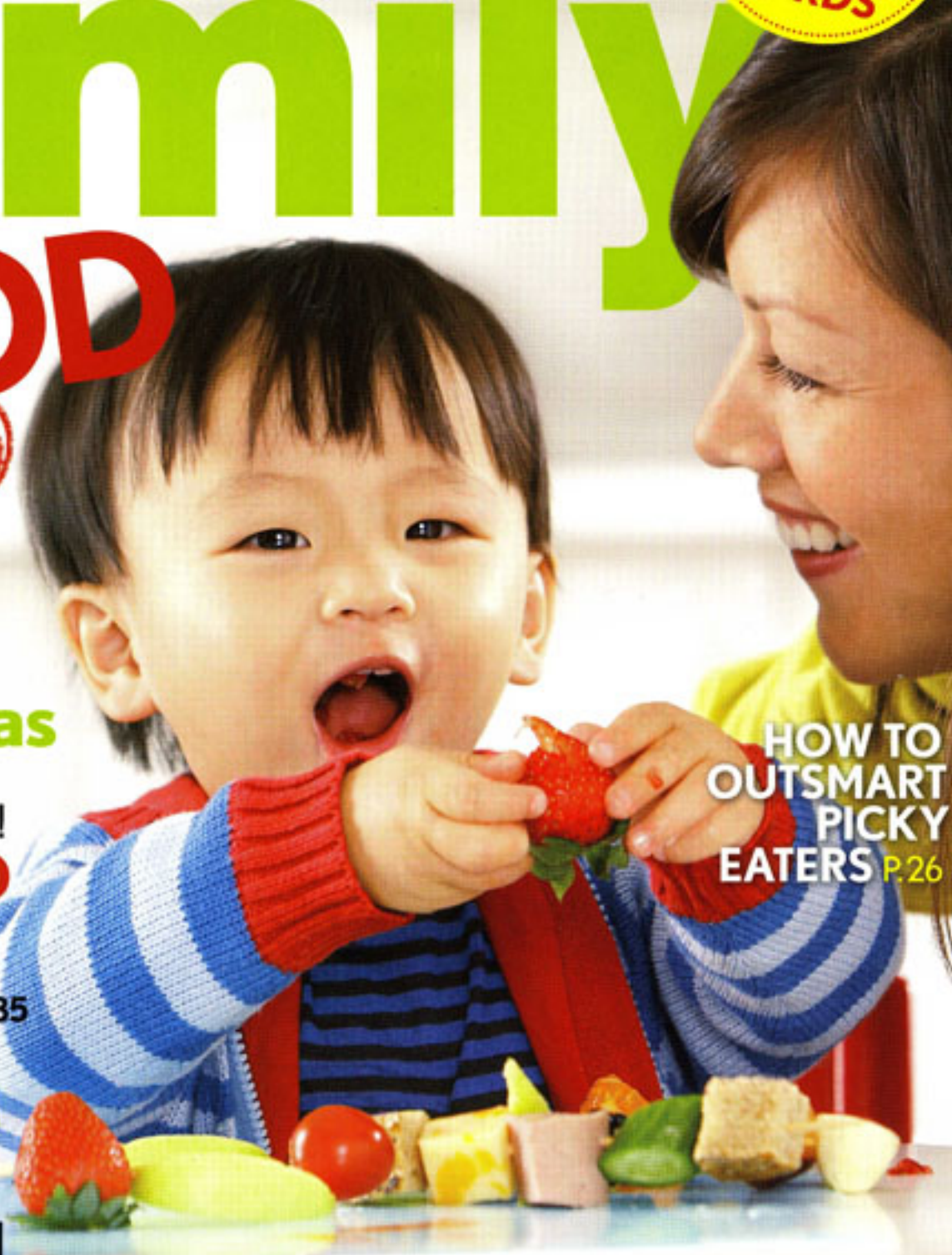
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#### STROLLER BLANKET

## ready to roll

Whether your little one is a classic babe with a penchant for damask or a modern child who is all about simplicity, these cozy accessories will let your stroller do the talking. Made in Vancouver by people who understand Canadian winters, each of these stroller blankets has a super-soft plush backing, comes in a variety of colourful printed fabrics and is made with machine-washable cotton polyester. Also available: a matching harness-compatible stroller pad, and you can purchase both for a perfectly affordable facelift for past-their-prime strollers. *Metro Stroller Blanket*, \$64, *myMonkeymoo*.



## SLICE & DICE

#### PLAY FOOD

They may not yet have an appetite for sushi, but they can certainly play with it! This beautiful wooden sushi set contains 24 pieces, including Velcro sashimi and sushi, soy sauce, Velcro chopsticks and even a couple of pieces of felt ginger, all presented in a stunning wooden bento box! Attach a whole sushi roll together with Velcro, and then slice it apart with the wooden knife for serving. For an authentic sushi experience, learn to say *itadakimasu*—it's the equivalent of "bon appetit" in Japanese (but don't actually pronounce the "u"). *Wooden Sushi Slicing Play Set*, \$25, *Melissa & Doug*.



#### RETAIL ALERT

## eye candy

New Yorkers have been boasting for years about the splendour that is Dylan's Candy Bar, a three-floor candy haven, and now, finally, Canada is getting a piece of the pie. Holt Renfrew now carries the designer candy brand (that can also be ordered over the phone), which is not only tasty—our favourite is the cookies-and-cream chocolate bars—but it is also pretty—think jelly beans in every colour under the rainbow—which makes it great for gifting or using as edible decor at your next dinner party. Prices starting at \$4, *Dylan's Candy Bar*, available at *Holt Renfrew*.