8 Memories From My 8th Month Since Going Dad

Description

Okay, things are getting interesting around here now! Just as I was hoping, Avery started crawling only a few days into her 7th month and now sheâ€™s as mobile as a mouse!

Iâ€™ve never heard of or used that saying before, but from what I see, mice can be pretty mobile. True?

Since sheâ€™s started crawling, we seem to see less of that demon of hers because now she will simply crawl to us if we walk out of sight. Itâ€™s almost been 6th months since Iâ€™ve actually left my job and become a full time stay-at-home dad, and I have been impatiently waiting for Avery to do more.

Iâ€™d say sheâ€™s definitely doing more, and it seems only a matter of time until sheâ€™s taking her first steps. Maybe in another month?

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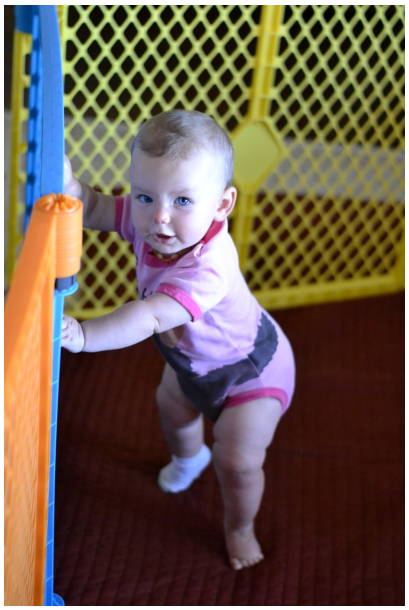


Has anyone seen my other sock?

Once she gets that down, weâ€™ll be doing burpees together in no time!

Lets start, shall we?

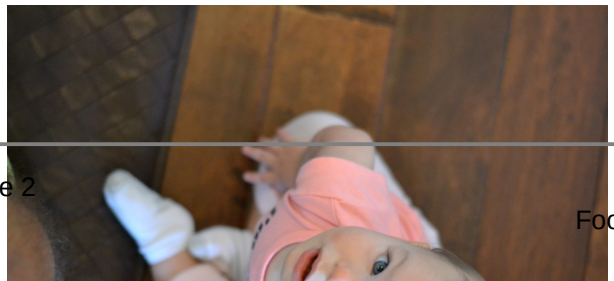
1. As I already proclaimed, youâ€™ve become an official crawler, and WOW, you can really get places now! If Mommy or Daddy set you down and thereâ€™s a cord, cat, or dog in sight, your face lights up and off you go.

Because of this, we are getting a great lower back workout from having to pick you up and set you back down elsewhereâ€¦â€¦or itâ€™s just hurting more. We are extremely proud of how far youâ€™ve come, Avery, and you continue to amaze us and steal our hearts every day.

2. Now that youâ€™re mobile, I no longer have to set you in your booster seat while Iâ€™m in ~~my office~~ the kitchen. All we need is to setup a couple barriers so you donâ€™t wonder too far, and you just hang out in the kitchen. At times, youâ€™ll get fussy, but as long as you have a toy/wooden spoon, youâ€™re content for a while.

Practicing how to taste test on the spoon.

One thing that scares me is that you gravitate toward our feet and I fear the day we accidentally step on your precious fingers.



I just happened to want to be in this spot,
promise.

Hopefully that will never happen, but I apologize in advance if it does. This also makes me realize a major con to having leg hair since you like to practice climbing on *anything*! Yeah, I might have a few patches on my legs.

3. Mommy and I arenâ€™t sure whether you like or have a personal vendetta out for your bear, but now that you can crawl, youâ€™ve really been handing it to him. First, you â€œwroteâ€• an instructional post on how to fight a bear, and then you had a rematch where your fight was caught on video.

I got him, donâ€™t worry.

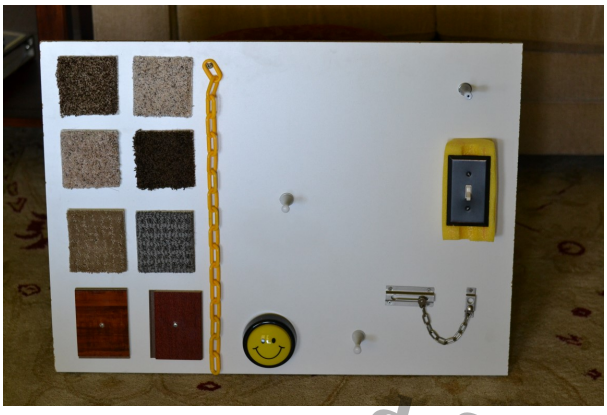
Maybe youâ€™ve grown tired of seeing him next to you the same time each month as we take pictures of your new monthly age. Weâ€™ll never know for sure, but the smile on your face and excitement you show when you make eye contact with your bear is priceless. Mom and I love watching you roll around and play so well!

4. Now that youâ€™re getting better at eating those colorful veggies we put in front of you, we are making it a point to sit down as a family for dinner. I still have my different eating schedule where I eat my main meal after you go to sleep, but I have raw veggies to munch on while sitting down.

Youâ€™re also really good at â€œfinishingâ€• everything we give youâ€¦until we lift you from your seat to see you were sitting on everything! This makes the steamed broccoli a blast to clean, and we have a nice trail all the way to the bathtub every night as a result. Fine with us, weâ€™re just happy to

see you at least eating some of the healthy veggies so well!

5. I had seen baby activity/busy boards on Pinterest and knew I wanted one for you. One weekend, I brought you with me to the Home Depot to get supplies and a few days later, as you slept in a while, I put it together.



I wasnâ€™t sure how youâ€™d like it, but I guess having door stops made it an automatic win!

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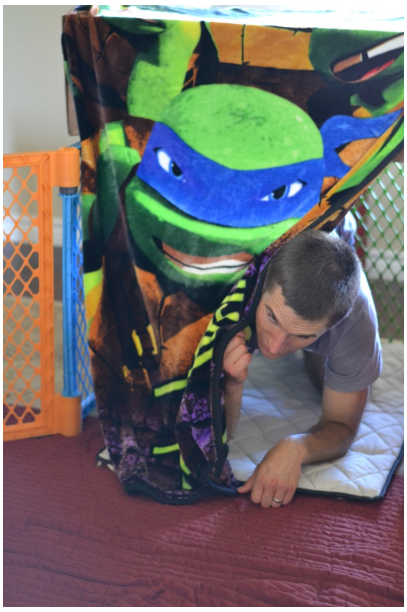
6. After seeing you begin to crawl, a light turned on in my head letting me know this meant it was time to build a fort! The Ninja Turtle blanket was a must, and I only hope we can enjoy the classic TMNT movies and cartoons one day soon.

As you grow, I expect weâ€™ll build more intricate fort structures and insist Mommy joins us immediately upon arriving home from work. Obviously, youâ€™re never too old to play in a fortâ€¦



7. Even though you had a tiresome day at G-Maâ€™s on the 4th of July, we were able to keep you up to experience your first Cliff Notes version of a fireworks show. The bright lights and sounds caught your attention, but a half smile was all you had left to give by the end of the day.

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The sun seemed to take forever to go down that day, and after we were able to let you see a few of the big blasts, we brought you in to take a bath and get some much needed rest.

8. And finally, after weâ€™ve been thinking you had teeth coming in since you were 4 months, your first tooth has made an appearance!

Your top front right tooth is the most prominent, but we can see your two bottom front teeth emerging as well. That is, when you arenâ€™t hiding them with your tongue and looking like you already had your wisdom teeth removed.

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Itâ€™s exciting, but you are also very cranky. I know it must hurt though, and we are hoping for the pain to go away fast. It looks like you are tooâ€¦

I donâ€™t know if one of my memories at 9 months will be of you walking, but you can rest assured weâ€™ll work with you every â€œstepâ€• of the way.

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Avery, we love you so much dear and we canâ€™t say it enough. Therefore, weâ€™ll just keep saying it over and overâ€¦..and over. We love you and are so proud of everything you do. Even if itâ€™s poop 4 times in a day!

Do you have any favorite memories of your growing child? Iâ€™d love to hear otherâ€™s stories if want to share.

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