

When Did Our Toddler Get So Smart?

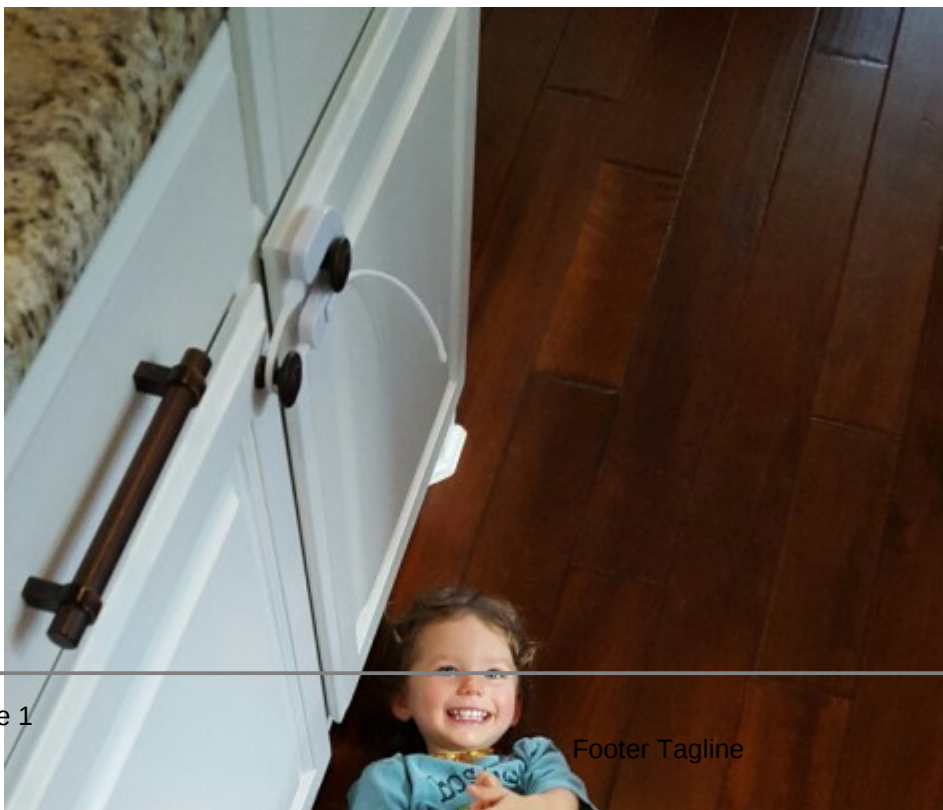
Description

We had just come to terms that our baby is toddler, but now she's transforming into a smart/tricky toddler of sorts. *Smart*, because she'll call out all letters of the alphabet, numerous colors, stack blocks (instead of just destroy) and speak in complete sentences sometimes.



In Mary Katherine from SNL style "Superstar Smart!"

Tricky, because, well, she's figuring out how to delay things at night when it's bedtime, and how to use her cuteness to get her way.



Stop what youâ€™re doing and just play with me!

But make no mistake, Going Mom and I are not complaining. We couldnâ€™t be me happy to see how our little girl is growing physically and intellectually. But also make no mistake, it drives us insane at times!

Mainly, the nighttime toddler delay tactics. She has this thing where she likes to do a â€œjumpâ€• into her pajamas after bathtime, so Mommy will let her jump once, but then she says â€œAgainâ€•, and she goes again. But two is not enough, and sheâ€™ll continue going until one of us makes her stop. Some nights, sheâ€™ll accept it, other nights, youâ€™d think sheâ€™s auditioning for an opera.

Then, we normally only read one book, but now she turns on the [bottom lip](#) to try and delay the inevitable; sleep! Well, at least going into her crib. We had a nice few weeks of an easy transition from putting her in the crib and sheâ€™d go to sleep soon after, or at least not throw a fit. But now, WOW, this girl makes her [demon days](#) look like a cute and cuddly kitten!

When her screams arenâ€™t radiating throughout the house, sheâ€™ll pace around her crib and talk to herself. We consider this much better than the alternative, and even nice to see how her brain has developed. Just listen to her talk amongst herself to decide if she wants the blue plate or pink plate tonight.

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I stay up at night making the tough decision on whether I want the blue or pink plate tonight too.
#terribletwos #toddler #resistance #parenting #sleep

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Saying “Blue plate tonight” has become the majority of our daily conversations. I ask her if she wants water, it’s “Blue plate tonight”.

Me: Did you go poop?

Avery: *Blue plate tonight.*

Me: *Do you want to go for a walk to see the moon tonight?*

Avery: *Blue plate tonight.*

Me: **Silence**

Avery: *Blue plate tonight, blue plate tonight, bluuuuueee plate toniiiiight!*

You get the drift.

Donâ€™t get me wrong, she says more than *Blue plate tonight*, but those three words are repeated all day long. Other popular phrases are:

- Crazy football
- See you tomorrow, goat cheese. (Now she says “See you tomorrow, blue plate”)
- More goat cheese. Please, goat cheese.
- The moonâ€™s a coming.
- Biceps and triceps.
- Clean the boo-boo on the butt.
- The lightâ€™s on!
- Iâ€™m a crazy Avery.

I could go on with a few more, but these are the ones that stand out right now. Needless to say, this girl truly is crazy, and weâ€™re loving how much fun (usually) she is.

With the increased fun/craziness, means decreased blog posts, or at least shorter in length. Naps are becoming scarce and Iâ€™m keeping busy with other things. But donâ€™t worry, Iâ€™ll be around to post updates when possible and even share product reviews, workout ideas, and maybe even recipes.

Hope youâ€™re having a wonderful holiday season so far with more good times ahead! Oh, and here, Avery wanted to say bye-bye with [Lamby](#).



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