# 4 Things Babies and Firecrackers Have in Common

## Description

Happy Independence Day to my fellow Americans, and Happy Friday to all others! Both great things, and both reasons to celebrate!

Weâ€™re heading down to G-Maâ€™s to celebrate the 4th of July weekend with Uncle Preston (if heâ€™s around) and G-Maâ€™s boyfriend, Paul. This will be the first time Avery gets to watch fireworks, and weâ€™re not too sure how sheâ€™ll act. Any tips?

Growing up, I remember getting tremendously excited around New Yearâ€™s and the 4th of July because that meant fireworks!! When I was old enough, I would have my own yard sale trying to sell anything from some of my old books to jewelry I thought my mom would never miss.

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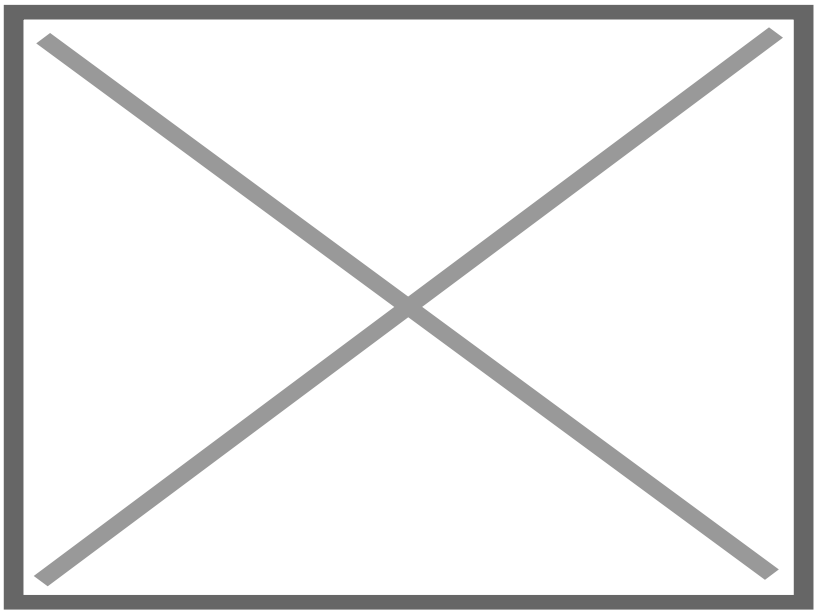
For some reason, some boy sitting in the front yard with a few things laying on a blanket never got me very far. I earned some money, though, but mainly out of pity from the neighbors. I even tried my shot at a Kool-Aid stand which earned a bit too. Same reasonâ€¦pity.

With my earnings, Iâ€™d ride my bright neon Huffy bike to the firework stand nearby and spend it all on whatever I could afford. The stand owners were parents to one of my friends, so theyâ€™d always toss in a few extras.

I couldnâ€™t afford the big fireworks, my sympathetic mom helped there, so I mainly came back with a lot of Black Cat firecrackers. Probably for the best since trying to ride bike while carrying several artillery shell fireworks would be ill-advised.



Not 30 minutes after arriving back home and Iâ€™d be out of my hard earned fire ant disrupters. Man, for such a small thing, those firecrackers are pretty potent!

One day, while Avery was screaming because I set her down for a second, I reflected upon my past obsession with firecrackers and came up with 4 things they have in common with babies. I figured 4 is a good number for the 4th; see how intuitive I am?

**1. Both are small but loud.** When compared to an adult, babies are small, cute and (usually) cuddly, right? Likewise, a firecracker pales in comparison to the enormous fireworks youâ€™d see at a major firework display. Despite their small packaging, babies and firecrackers can and do create quite a racket.

The firecrackers are self-explanatory; you light them and they go â€œboom!â€• Babies do a great job at creating loud noise with just their vocals, or by grabbing anything nearby and banging it on anything else nearby.

Door stops make great noise!!

Although, unless you have one of those strands of 50,000 firecrackers set to explode one after the other in sequence, babies tend to make noise for longer periods. And, unfortunately, itâ€™s not on cue by lighting a fuse, itâ€™s all on their terms!

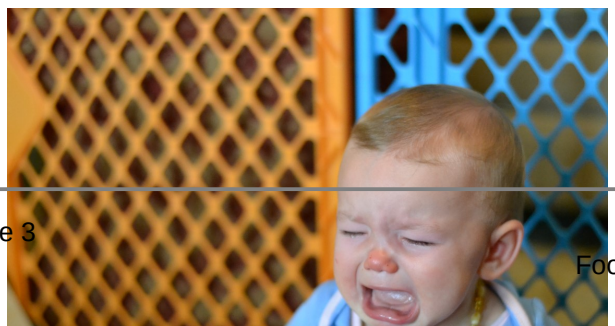
**2. Both are good at exploding.** While firecrackers themselves explode, babies tend to create explosions by other means. But, after either one â€œexplodesâ€• you have a mess to clean up.

The paper wrapping and any remnants from an unfortunate toy might be scattered across the ground, while babies leave their aftermath inside a diaper, on the floor, up their back, in the tub, in the car, in theâ€¦well, you get the idea.

**3. Both have a short fuse.** You ever try to light a single firecracker? Those things explode before you can turn the other way after lighting, and a lot of people, me included, just light and throw them quickly as they explode before touching the ground. Not safe or smart since you eventually have one go off in your hand which feels far from good.

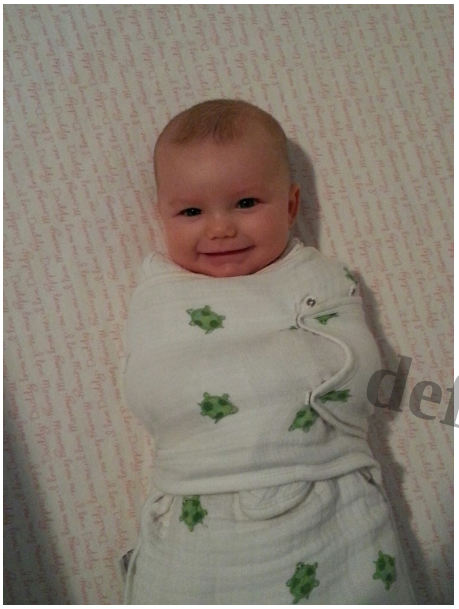
Iâ€™m happy.

Babies, on the other hand, can be as happy as a clam at high tide for one moment, but if you so much as take your attention off of them to scratch your head, they can go irate! This happens to Going Mom and me frequently; weâ€™ll have Avery laughing as we coo at her and make funny faces, but we stop to talk to each other and WHAM! sheâ€™s crying.



No Iâ€™m not!

**4. Both need to be tightly swaddled/wrapped.** We havenâ€™t swaddled Avery in months, but when we did, it had to be a tight wrap. If it wasnâ€™t tight enough, sheâ€™d get her arms free and thrash around like a short circuited robot. For a firecracker to work as intended, it needs to be very tightly wrapped around the powder inside.




If youâ€™re celebrating today, I hope you have a fun and safe time wherever you are. Happy 4th of July!!

**Can you think of any other semblances with babies and firecrackers?**

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