

Going Reviews and My Mother's Day Gift: Casting Keepsakes Clay Print and Photo Kit

Description

Well hello and Happy Mother's Day to all of you kind, caring, and loving mothers out there!

I hope you're being treated to kind words and smiles from your children along with everything you *really* want for your day. I sure hope Going Mom wasn't expecting diamonds; that would be a disappointment.

Plus, with my annual salary of zero dollars as a stay-at-home dad, I don't think I could find a really good diamond. Unlesssssss, I *found* a really good diamond. Hmm!

Anyway, not happening, but I have something I think the both of us prefer over materialistic items; our daughter's impressions! Lori from [Casting Keepsakes](#) was kind enough to send one of their [air-dry clay and photo kits](#) for me to review and give to Kelley for Mother's Day.



This is an exciting day in our house since it's the first official Mother's Day we are celebrating. Last year we celebrated since Kelley was pregnant with Avery, but it means so much more now that she's actually here!

Kelley's love for Avery radiates through her every day, non-stop, and she is and always will be the best mother she can be. And what's more, she's a wonderful wife who always fills me with love and happiness!

Avery is 6 months this month, and to capture imprints of her tiny hands and a feet is a must. Casting Keepsakes provides everything you need to roll the clay out and make impressions of your precious child. A simple task that took a total of 30 minutes for a gift that will last forever!



The hardest part was getting Avery's™ handprint without her making a fist in the clay, but once we got passed that part, the rest was fairly easy. I sat Avery in her [Mama's & Papas](#) booster chair for the foot imprint and finished within minutes.



One area where I goofed was choosing a picture for the middle. I spent forever going through my portfolio of Avery pictures (every parent has one, right?) and finally ordered several prints. The problem? They were all landscape when I needed to use a portrait orientation!

I think Homer Simpson says it best; "Doh!"

Thankfully, I did order one portrait orientation, and although it's not what I originally planned, it's still an adorable pic.



This is the photo I planned on using; mother and daughter together.



But that's my issue and I am completely happy with the kit from Casting Keepsakes. Check out their website to see more great items to capture your child's current size before they grow up! They even offer [belly casting kits](#) and [baby ink kits](#) if you don't want to deal with clay. They even have an [Amazon store](#) to purchase their items and read more reviews.

I can't thank Casting Keepsakes enough for sending me what I think is the perfect gift for any loving mother and I know Kelley will enjoy looking at these tiny prints for years to come.



6 months captured and framed.

If you're wondering if I forgot about my mom (G-Ma), I didn't, but I won't see her until later today and can't disclose what I got her before giving it to her. Where's the fun in that? But I will say, Mom, I love you very much and can't express how much I appreciate all you've done and still do. You deserve the world, but all I could give you is a globe; Happy Mother's Day!

For all who care, I'll share pictures of her gift in an upcoming post. There's also more to Going Mom's gift that I can't let her know about yet, but I'll tell you soon enough.

Kelley did get treated to one of her favorite snacks that I make for her, goat cheez-its! I'll share the recipe eventually, I promise.



I wrote a separate review that I sent to Casting Keepsakes a few days ago, and you can see it below.

Hi there! Iâ€™m a stay-at-home dad to one beautiful girl, Avery, who was born in November 2013. She means the world to my wife and I, and I try my best to capture her in photos every day. It was a very long and hard journey for us to have our darling girl and we will never take having her for granted.

When Casting Keepsakes sent me their No Bake Clay Print and Photo Kit, I was a little hesitant at first for fear that Iâ€™d mess it up. I wanted to make this a Motherâ€™s Day gift for my wife since Avery will be right at 6 months in May. Since I know my wife misses her so much when at work, I wanted to give her something more to go along with the countless pictures I take.

The kit arrived well packaged and everything appeared to be of high quality. Thankfully, the clay was not as hard to work with as I had imagined and it easily rolled out into the frame space provided with the included rolling pin. I was unsure how well my baby would co-operate, but she did great! It helps that the clay is soft enough so you donâ€™t have to mash the babyâ€™s hand and foot really hard to make an impression.

The entire process from kneading and rolling out the clay to making the impressions only took a total of 30 minutes. Not bad for something that is priceless to any parent; capturing your babyâ€™s tiny prints before they grow up and move out!

Iâ€™m not one to purchase lavish gifts for my wife and she doesnâ€™t enjoy them anyway. Plus, as a stay-at-home parent, itâ€™s not like Iâ€™m raking in the dough! The Casting Keepsakeâ€™s clay print and photo kit is the best quality and inexpensive gift I can think of for a loving mother, and Iâ€™m happy I have one to give to my wife on Motherâ€™s Day. Thank you, Casting Keepsakes!

What are your thoughts on clay prints as gifts or just to capture little hands and feet before they grow too much?

Whatâ€™s the best Motherâ€™s Day gift to give/get in your opinion?

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