

9 Memories From My 9th Month Since Going Dad

Description

Hey hey, weâ€™re in the 4th quarter of Averyâ€™s first year of life! Time keeps zipping by without signs of slowing down. Kind of like this little crawler; sheâ€™s non-stop!



Youâ€™re mine now, Ball!!

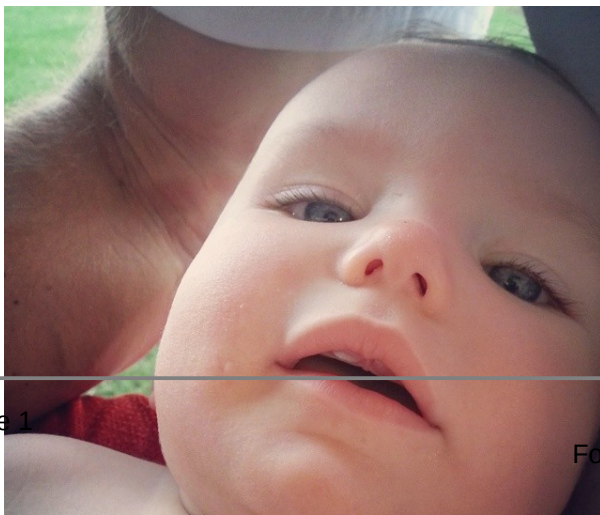
This post needs to be quick since I should be packing to go to our hotel for the weekend right now. Iâ€™m writing this on Friday afternoon and G-Ma will be on her way soon (cool, I rhymed!). Going Mom and I will be staying two nights at the [Embassy Suites in Downtown Fort Worth](#), about 20 miles from home, for our 7th wedding anniversary.

As I write this, Kelley doesnâ€™t know that I spoke with a kind lady at Embassy Suites who agreed to have a bottle of champagne and strawberries waiting in our room. Canâ€™t beat that as a perfect way to start our "getaway" at a great hotel! If you know my wife, champagne is her favorite, and it was the hardest thing to talk her out of getting a bottle before we checked in. Geez, stubborn woman!!

Hopefully G-Ma is rockinâ€™ out with Avery at our house and they donâ€™t have any issues. But, if they do, thatâ€™s why weâ€™re only so far away. We are so grateful that G-Ma agreed to stay the entire weekend with Avery, especially since sheâ€™s so mobile now!

Iâ€™ll have a recap of what went down sometime next week; Iâ€™m sure itâ€™ll all be good!..right? Crap, Iâ€™m already taking too long. Letâ€™s get on to the highlight of todayâ€™s post, shall we?

1. At 8 months, your [first tooth was making an appearance](#), and now you have 4 almost all the way out!



Just one little tooth at 8 monthsâ€¦!

It was a painful experience for all of us as those teeth pushed through, and weâ€™re not looking forward to the next round. But, like everything, weâ€™ll deal with it as it comes.



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2. With those 4 teeth, 2 top and 2 bottom, youâ€™ve taken to grinding themâ€¦..all the time!! I hear the grinding even when youâ€™re not grinding; itâ€™s like nails on a chalkboard. Hmmm, will you even get that reference anymore? Anyway, itâ€™s bad, and it drives Mommy and me insane!



Doing the daily "grind"

Even from afar, we know youâ€™re grinding when your cheeks stick farther out and you have an apparent under-bite. Like most baby things, we hear itâ€™s a phase and are anxiously waiting for it to be over!

3. You had just started crawling at 8 months, and although you arenâ€™t walking now, you are pulling up on everything and anything with ease.



Soon, I won't rely on
these and you'll never
have time to yourself!!! But
I'm cute, right?

It's only a matter of time until you take those first steps away from your support structures. Maybe
by 10 months? I'm [placing my bets now](#).

4. Since you are crawling like a pro now, you can easily make your way around the house and
constantly amaze us at how quickly you make it to another room. Despite our cardboard box barriers
you easily bust through, you find a way to get into exactly what we *don't* want you getting into. A
few of those things are the dog's food and water bowl, the vacuum cleaner I constantly forget to put
up, or the kitchen trashcan. Saying "No" is futile, but we do it anyway.

5. Your playfulness keeps increasing and I get excited to see your happy face when I get on my hands
and knees with you now. I've even started to put off washing dishes like I normally do and just get
down to crawl around with you.



6. When Mommy and I aren't crawling around with you, the beach ball keeps you pretty occupied
as you push and then chase it across the house.



Iâ€™m hoping this fascination with the ball will help G-Ma wear you out while we are away for the weekend. Fingers crossed!

7. We brought you to two birthday parties for the neighborhood girls turning 1 and you did great at both! At one of them, we even came out with our [own gifts for you; two types of walkers!](#)



Heeeyyyyyy!

Since their little 1 year old girl now walks on her own, they had no use for these, so they let us borrow them until youâ€™re in the walking club. Iâ€™m hopeful that we get to return them soon since that means youâ€™ll be walking on your own too!

8. Our dinners are usually later than they should be, and you have been throwing most of the food we give you on the floor. At first it was cute, but now itâ€™s obvious you know what youâ€™re doing. On top of that, you will scream loud and thrash around just because.



Goodbye, broccoli!!

Sometimes, we resort to showing you videos of yourself on our phones, but try not to put the screen in front of you that late.

9. Getting into things is just a part of life now, and Mommy and I quit trying so hard to stop you. Now we try to only have things left out that you are allowed to get into and topple over. You seem to enjoy pulling down on and spilling toys from the basket.



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This sequence is a daily thing, but at least youâ€™re going for the book. Oh, wait, thatâ€™s a blank photo bookâ€¦.oops!

Well, Avery, youâ€™re growing up fast and we love seeing how aware youâ€™ve become of your surroundings. I can only imagine what another month will bring, but know weâ€™ll be here to capture it all!

I could go on, but now Iâ€™m really pushing my time and Mommyâ€™s patience! So, I love you, and when you read this some day, I hope we can tell you how great you were for G-Ma while we were gone. ðŸ™,
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