

Check list for Mum-7o-Be	
Water bottle	
It is so important to stay hydrated during labour. It helps your muscles work better and prevents dehydration for Mum & baby	
Comforts	
Insert your comforts here so you don't forget:	
Music & Headphones	
Affirmations	
Snacks	
Little and often throughout labour. It's a marathon not a sprint so you need to keep your energy up.	
Nightshirt	
Button down for easy access for skin-to-skin. Light material.	
OR	
Light dressing gown.	
Dressing gowns are great for labour as they can be flowy and a light material for comfort. Easy access for midwives to do observations. If you find one you love you will feel like a queen as your labour. You can always change into a nightshirt or hospital gown and keep your dressing gown as a reminder of how amazing you are.	
Partner!	
Keep your birth partner close to hand	



Check list for Mum	
Button down pyjama set (shirt & bottoms)	
Keep the material light, maternity wards are kept very warm.	
Button down if you are breastfeeding for easy access	
Breast feeding vest-tops/bras	
These have clips on the straps for hooking & unhooking. Stick with a cotton material for comfort. You can keep your pyjama shirt nearby to throw on over the vest-top if you want more coverage. H&M sell packs of two.	
Lanolin cream	
Helps with sore nipples in breastfeeding. Suitable for baby too so you don't have to wipe it off before feeding. It is also great as a lip balm because the air in the wards can dry out your skin.	
2x pack of maternity pads	
Have more at home so Dad can bring them in if you need them.	
Comfortable underwear	
Whatever style underwear you are used to wearing (thongs aside!) buy them in a size up. Maternity pads are bulky and you want to leave space for them. Avoid underwear with bands at the top, opt for lace topped ones instead.	
Ballet style slippers with grips (optional)	
This is more for toilet visits so you have grip and are not going barefoot.	
Face wash & whatever products in your regime.	
Be mindful that if your products have a scent, you will most likely always associate the hospital with this scent!	
Hair bobbins, pins or hairband.	
Phone Charger	