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## Latest news

### Freya Design keepsake boxes

Review by Jacqui Paterson

**Good friends of ours had just had their first baby, and I was looking for a special present to celebrate the birth of their new daughter. I didn't want to buy clothes, as I remembered getting inundated by generous friends after my baby was born.**



When I came across the Freya Design website, I knew I'd found exactly what I was looking for.

Freya Design produces a range of gorgeous wooden keepsake boxes. I'd actually been looking for one for ages, to keep all those sentimental baby items stored safely away - my daughter's hospital tag, her tiny baby shoes, and a lock of hair from her first proper cut - so I got one too!

The hinged boxes are adorable, and are decorated with a range of whimsical 3D designs, from mermaids and princesses, to dinosaurs and racing cars. There's even a design to commemorate your first Holy Communion. They can be personalised with the recipient's name, and a short message. Or, for a truly unique gift, you can arrange for a one-off hand-painted design.

Although they're based around children's fairytale themes, the boxes are stylish enough to appeal to all ages. Alternatively, plain painted boxes are also available.

Unlike a lot of kitschy baby gifts on the market, these boxes are top quality, and eco-friendly. They're crafted from pine, alder, and birch (all from sustainable wood sources, of course), coloured with non-toxic paint, and built to last. I love the idea that my daughter could keep her memory box forever, and maybe even pass it down to her own children.

The Freya Design range also includes photo, trinket, jewellery and moneyboxes. My daughter had been given some lovely bracelets for her first birthday, so I couldn't resist getting her a jewellery box for Christmas. I picked a cute dragon design, which came with a lockable clasp, a pullout drawer, and a heart mirror on the inside lid. Next I've got my eye on the Princess and the Frog moneybox for my young niece.

Keepsake boxes, from £29 to £55; jewellery boxes £32; money boxes £19.  
[www.freyadesign.co.uk](http://www.freyadesign.co.uk)

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