Baby Bling for Mama

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OVERALL RATING: ***



Okay, so every woman loves jewelry, and it goes without saying that every mama loves her baby, so I guess it only makes sense that the two should go together, right? Well, of course. But if you're like me, a traditional mother's ring or necklace doesn't quite fit your new mama lifestyle—or your wardrobe. Hey, we're lucky to get in a shower!

That's where <u>Alli's Originals</u> comes in. The look of this hand-stamped, sterling silver jewelry is simple, but personal. Necklaces, bracelets and key chains can all be personalized to your liking, whether it is your baby's name, initials or the only name you seem to answer to these days—

"Mommy!"

Charms in several shapes and sizes are available, including a baby face charm in either a boy or girl design. Basically any symbol can stamped right onto your piece—hearts, stars, flowers, apples, dragon flies, and so on. Heck, even Hebrew alphabet and numbers are available.

Necklaces come in standard or ball chains, and both bracelets and necklaces are available in various lengths. I went with the Floating Heart necklace (\$40) with ball chain and had my daughter's name Emma stamped on it. I am so happy with the simplicity of the piece. It goes with everything, and it can withstand the constant tugs of little hands. Fifteen days and counting!

For those of you who like a little bling, no worries. Your piece can also rock Swarovski crystals, fresh water pearls and other semi-precious stones, depending on your taste.

In fact, there are *so* many options, you might be a bit overwhelmed at first. But if you take the time to look through the entire selection, you'll end up with a piece of jewelry you practically designed yourself. Perfect for the mom who plans to wear her piece on a daily basis, or has a special occasion that needs just the right accessory.

And as with any good idea, the jewelry doesn't just have to be for mamas. You could easily create the perfect gift for bridesmaids, grandparents, children and even pets. What new grandma wouldn't want a name bracelet (\$65) to show off her pride-and-joy's new pride-and-joy? Hey, even the family feline deserves a little ID bling (\$10) for putting up with the constant ear tugging of your tot.

Returns are tricky since the jewelry is personalized, so make sure you like what you pick. Defects, of course, will be corrected, but that's about it. Prices may also seem a bit high for the simple design, but these are hand-made and customized, so I think it's worth it. Most pieces are around \$40-\$45, but can go all the way up to \$75+, depending on how you customize. But you can't put a price tag on a parent's pride, right?

So check out the bling at Alli's Originals. You're bound to find something that suits you and your mama style.

- Lisa

RATINGS

Selection:

Prices:

Quality: ★★★

OVERALL RATING: ★★★★