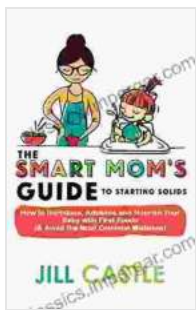


# How to Introduce Advanced and Nourish Your Baby with First Foods: Avoid the Most Common Mistakes

Introducing your baby to solid foods is an exciting milestone, but it can also be overwhelming. There are so many different foods to choose from, and it can be hard to know where to start. This guide will help you avoid the most common mistakes and introduce advanced and nourishing foods to your baby safely and successfully.



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## When to Start Introducing Solid Foods

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends starting to introduce solid foods to your baby around 4 to 6 months of age. At this age, your baby's digestive system is mature enough to handle solid foods, and they are starting to develop the skills needed to eat them.

## **How to Introduce Solid Foods**

The best way to introduce solid foods to your baby is to start with pureed foods. You can make your own purees at home or buy them pre-made. Once your baby is comfortable eating purees, you can start to introduce more advanced foods, such as mashed foods, finger foods, and table foods.

When introducing new foods to your baby, it is important to start with one food at a time. This will help you to identify any potential allergies or sensitivities. You should also wait a few days between introducing new foods to give your baby's digestive system time to adjust.

## **What Foods to Avoid**

There are a few foods that you should avoid giving to your baby under the age of one. These foods include:

- \* Honey
- \* Cow's milk
- \* Eggs (whites only)
- \* Fish with high levels of mercury
- \* Nuts and seeds
- \* Hard candy
- \* Popcorn

## **How to Make Advanced and Nourishing Baby Food**

Once your baby is comfortable eating purees, you can start to introduce more advanced and nourishing foods. Here are a few ideas:

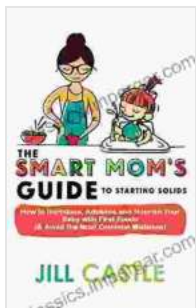
- \* Mashed fruits and vegetables: Mashed fruits and vegetables are a great way to introduce your baby to new flavors and textures. You can mash fruits and vegetables at home or buy them pre-made.
- \* Finger foods: Finger foods are a great way for your baby to practice self-feeding. Finger foods should be soft and easy for your baby to grasp and chew. Some good finger foods include:
  - \* Soft fruits and vegetables, such as bananas,

blueberries, and carrots \* Cooked pasta or rice \* Soft cheese \* Yogurt \*

Table foods: Table foods are foods that you eat yourself. Once your baby is old enough to sit up at the table, you can start to offer them table foods.

Table foods should be cut into small pieces and should be soft enough for your baby to chew.

Introducing solid foods to your baby is an exciting and rewarding experience. By following these tips, you can avoid the most common mistakes and introduce advanced and nourishing foods to your baby safely and successfully.



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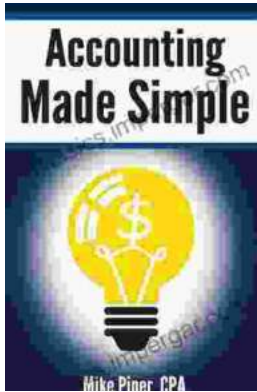
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