How to store baby clothes for the next baby: 10 tips by size and season

Outgrown clothes leave in a steady trickle and are needed again all at once. Wash, sort by size and season, seal, label and photograph each bin so the next baby's first week isn't spent digging through storage.

- [ ] Set up three containers: next baby, keepsake, leave
- [ ] Wash without softener, treat spots, dry completely
- [ ] Sort by size band, then season; bag small items inside
- [ ] Line plastic totes with cotton; use acid-free boxes for keepsakes
- [ ] Store bins in a closet or under a bed, not the attic
- [ ] Skip cedar and mothballs; rely on clean clothes and tight lids
- [ ] Label the short side: size, season, count, date
- [ ] Stage the next size up in an open bin
- [ ] Photograph each open bin with its label in frame
- [ ] Review at each size change; cap the keepsake box