

## Deadlines

I always knew I would breastfeed my baby, the nutritional benefits were too numerous to overlook  
And so my plan was to nurse for the recommended twelve months, per my baby book

The newborn stage gave us a difficult start and all I could think was "how will we ever last!"

A year seemed like such a long time (little did I know how quickly it would pass)

At one month we were still trying to get into our groove  
It took us a bit longer than average for the latch to improve

Two months and I am overwhelmed with how much I love my little nursling  
It's truly amazing how much joy the nursing bond can bring

Three months old and I get little love pats while she nurses away  
Oh she is the perfect little baby, this is the age I wish she would stay

At four months I really felt like a breastfeeding pro  
Nursing was so easy we could do it in our sleep now, and even on the go

Five and six months brought a set of new challenges to overcome  
Nipping and pinching while nursing became baby's new idea of fun

Seven months and nursing in public became a risk, she didn't want to be covered, let alone my boob  
It seemed her goal was to constantly flash me and have me end up on YouTube

At eight months the gymnastics and silly stunts began  
Trying to do flips while nursing and attempting to do handstands

At nine months that "deadline" is creeping up and I no longer have plans to stop

I don't think I have a choice anyway, she still nurses around the clock

Ten months and my little gets her very first cold and her nose becomes really  
stuffy

My milk is full of anti-infectives' and is the best remedy

Eleven months is here and we don't care about schedules, and deadlines are in  
the past

Nursing is second nature now and we will enjoy this special relationship while  
it lasts

We have this amazing time with each other and it is ours alone to share  
To end at twelve months just doesn't seem fair

I breastfeed my baby because it is natural and science says it will give her the  
best start

I will continue to nurse my baby, not according to the calendar but to our heart