

# 2011 X.R.A.Y.

## Xmas Readiness Alternative survey

### WHO I AM

- In case you all forgot my name, date of birth, country of origin, current address and any other relevant statistical details, here's what you need to know: **Karin Guynn**, May 29<sup>th</sup>, USA, 133 Jelliff Mill Rd, New Canaan, CT 06840
- The person who knows me better than most that can answer gift-giving questions about me: **Evan Guynn**  
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- A few things I'd like everyone to know about me: Baby is still not here, but will be here before Christmas!! I really haven't spent much time thinking about anything but that . . .
- My favorites: Sweaters and knit tops/ cardigans/ etc. All sorts of styles. Current faves are long in the torso (out of necessity). Long skirts
- My least favorites: Pants, Pantyhose . . . they're just so hard to find and/or wear!
- Due to stress/lack of stress/inactivity/activity/some combination of these, I'm currently wearing these sizes: Large (pretty much in any item of maternity clothing), Jackets: 12 or 14 depending on style. Shoes: I'm a 9 1/2
- To blow off steam, I like to: Watch TV or bake or do chores (dishes/laundry)
- While surfing the internet, I tend to gravitate to these sites: Hulu, NetFlix  
What my surfing habits say about my personality: I only use the internet when I have to or when I want entertainment.

### WHAT I DID THIS YEAR

- A few things that happened this year that I expected: Got promoted, Got pregnant, Getting a baby
- A few things that happened this year that I didn't expect: Getting a baby girl, planning on going back to work full-time, buying a new car . . . again.
- In my travels this year, I made it as far as: Utah for Kelsey's graduation, MI/IL/IN for Kelsey's wedding, Sharon, VT for Girls Camp, and New Paltz, NY for a 3 day vacation.  
As a result, I learned to appreciate: Traveling when you feel good. I've also learned that swimming is excellent when you feel as big as a whale.
- This year my coworkers at **Boehringer Ingelheim**...  
...have taught me how much I enjoy (and desire): work/life balance and taking time off.  
...have taught me how much I dislike (and want no part of): bossing people around.
- Projects/repairs...  
...I worked on this year: moving, and setting up a new house. Yard maintenance (a little)  
...I should have worked on: That awesome Christmas gift project I've been dreaming about doing for a couple years; family history
- My spare time was filled up with: dumb work.

### WHAT I EAT

- Foods I have to avoid because of medication/distaste/diet: anything too spicy or with lots of tomato (heartburn). I'll soon be able to eat any cheese or hot dogs or cold-cut sandwiches again, though.
- Foods I can not only eat, but also enjoy: cheese . . . almost any kind. Chocolate . . . especially when paired with some peanut-ty goodness (peanut butter cups, choc/peanut butter ice cream, peanut MMs, Plantars big nut bars)
- I'd be really excited if someone made me homemade Strawberry freezer jam.
- I've now become obsessed with cooking/making/consuming the following food(s): Whatever the craving of the day is.
- When I don't cook, I like these people/places to cook for me: Anything yummy. Especially when I don't have to do the dishes.

### WHAT I WANT

- As far as clothing and accessories go...  
...I'd love to receive: sweaters, long skirts (not pencil skirts), cute hairclips (for me or baby), shirts/PJs that work for nursing (I'm not even sure what I'm looking for here . . . )  
...I don't need any more: scarves, gloves
- I've read/watched/heard about these books/movies that I would love have my own copy of:
  - those old Animated Disney movies are always fun.
  - I like good fiction books . . . I've made it through all of Jane Austen . . . I'm working my way through the Brontes.

- In this format: DVD
- Seeing the Christmas advertisements, a few items I'd like to own but would never buy myself are: a new kitchen rug (so I can throw out the old one I keep tripping over), humidifier for baby room that will never grow bacteria and needs minimal cleaning, better landlords
- While at the local Goodwill/antique store/resale shop, I'm always on the lookout for: good deals on stuff I actually need.
- One of the coolest things I'd like to find in a dumpster/have found in a dumpster/have looked for in a dumpster this year: ways to get rid of stuff I don't need anymore . . . I really want to simplify my life . . . only buying new things that have multiple purposes or for which I have a real need, and getting rid of the extra.

#### **THE FUTURE (REAL OR IMAGINARY)**

- What I'm looking forward to in the future year: Maternity leave . . . and playing with this baby.
- What I'm not looking forward to in the year to come: going back to work.
- Next year I plan to: Figure out what I want out of life and how to balance family with other needs and goals.