

## Why Cloth?

I initially started doing my research on cloth diapers when I was pregnant with our first son. After realizing that I could SAVE BETWEEN \$500-\$2000 (depending on the type of diaper used) per child if I cloth diapered, the decision was a no brainer to me...

Upon researching the cost benefits of cloth diapering, I made some other helpful discoveries that made me a cloth diaper fanatic!

- Disposable diapers are so wasteful. They make up over 30% of what is in our landfills today. And all of those diapers can take as long as 500 years to decompose. Your cute little baby will go through over a ton of disposable diapers by the time they are ready to potty train!
- Disposable diapers contain a chemical called Dioxin, which is extremely toxic and cancer causing, as reported by the EPA. Its been banned in most other countries.
- Disposable diapers can actually cause diaper rash. The chemicals used by diaper manufacturers to make them absorbent of moisture are extremely harsh on your baby's sensitive skin!
- The gel used to absorb moisture in disposables called sodium polyacrylate (formerly also used in tampons) encourages the growth of toxin producing bacteria. Sodium polyacrylate was banned for use in tampons because it caused toxic shock syndrome.
- Kids potty train much faster in cloth diapers. Disposables are designed to pull moisture away and make your child feel dry. With materials such as hemp, cotton, chamois, and micro fleece, cloth diapers allow a potty training child to feel a little wetness.
- Disposable diapers have been linked to infertility later in life for men. In May, 2000, the Archives of Diseases in Childhood published a study which showed that scrotal temperature in boys is increased while wearing diapers and that prolonged disposable diaper use can completely destroy the physiological cooling mechanism important for sperm production.
- Cloth diapering is so much easier today than it was even 5 or 10 years ago. There are no pins involved or soaking in the toilet bowl! Trust me, I work full time and have 2 kids in cloth diapers right now. It wouldn't be an option for our family if it was very time consuming- it is literally only 30 minutes per week that I spend dealing with diapers.

Maybe you're wondering about diaper services... Generally you will spend about \$1500 over 2 years if you subscribe to a service. So you're not saving any money there..Plus, I feel that is defeats the "environmentally friendly" purpose of this cloth diapering. A truck or van drives from home to home picking up and dropping off diapers all around town. Many services have to adhere to strict guidelines to clean their products and have to use strong chemicals and bleaches on the diapers. I don't know about you, but I don't want those things touching my babies' bums!