

Cloth Nappy Options

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If this is your first foray into the world of cloth, it can be a bit daunting! 'Modern Cloth' nappies come in a range of designs and styles.

Here are the basic cloth nappy options to help you decide which is right for you!

All-In-Ones

These nappies are just what their name suggests, "All-in-Ones" which means you don't need a cover. Most AIOs have a PUL (Polyurethane Laminate) cover sewn in on the outside. This waterproof cover is similar to the plastic pants of old but safer and more breathable. PUL comes in a myriad of colours and prints. Some brands use Malden Mills fleece as the cover material. Malden Mills is a high quality, heavyweight fleece that repels water very well. The rest of the nappy contains layers of absorbent material. Some brands like to sew in their soakers (which usually requires more drying time). Some like to attach the soakers by way of polyresin snaps or aplix (velcro).

PROS

- * very convenient
- * no need for a cover
- * great for travelling

CONS

- * usually more expensive than other types as more material is needed in their manufacture
- * longer drying time

Fitted Nappies

Fitted nappies are cloth nappies that don't require pins or snappis. They do up with velcro or snaps and come in a huge assortment of materials, colours and patterns, from flannelette to hemp, to microfleece, to terry...just to name a few!

PROS

- * convenient
- * usually less drying time than AIOs depending on number of layers in the nappy

CONS

- * do need a cover
- * cheaper than AIOs but sometimes work out to be more expensive due to the fact that a cover has to be purchased.

Cloth Nappy Squares

These can be made of just about anything but are usually terry towelling or some kind of hemp blend or flannelette. These are the kinds of nappies your Mum or Grandma would be familiar with!

PROS

- * Very cheap to stock up on
- * Can be used as great fillers for pocket nappies

CONS

- * Need a cover

- * Need to be secured with pins or a snappi
- * Can be fiddly as they need to be folded properly
- * Often not as absorbent as the newer fabrics in fitted nappies

Pocket Nappies

Pocket nappies are like fitted nappies, but instead of having absorbent layers sewn in, they are an open pocket which can then be stuffed with an absorbent material of choice. The outer layer is usually PUL and the inner is usually microfleece or flannelette.

PROS

- * Quick drying time
- * If they have a PUL outer, then you don't require a cover
- * Have the advantages of an AIO but without the cost

CONS

- * Not for someone who likes an all-in-one package

Well, I hope this page has been informative. If you feel I've left anything out, please don't hesitate to contact me!