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The diaper dilemma! Diapers have come a very long way and to help sort through all the choices we posted a very helpful article last week, [The different shades of "green" diapers](#) which breaks down the key differences between Conventional disposable diapers (like pampers and huggies), Hybrid (cloth covering with a disposable insert), or Environmentally friendly disposables. While everyone has their own reasons for their diapering decisions I have to say why would you not want your baby's bum covered in these cute cloth diapers? [Charlie Banana](#) is a fantastic brand of cloth diapers that are not only functional but fashionable as well. I especially love their new [fashion collection](#) designed by Matthew Langille.



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- We often recommend to get a couple of each size as you will use them all anyway and see what you like best, then add more of your favorite style and colour as you wish.
- Every baby is different and it is really a personal preference.
- They are both great diapers. Really!!



Other great Cloth Diaper Resources from Charlie Banana
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What is your diapering decision?
 What did you learn from the article *"The many shades of "green" diapers"*.

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1. **Meghan** says:
 November 18, 2011 at 9:23 am
 I have always wanted to try cloth diapering but my husband is completely against it and refuses to attempt. I feel as though if he saw how much easier it apparently is (not to mention cheaper) he will hop right on the bandwagon.
2. **Brooke** says:
 November 18, 2011 at 9:37 am
 We are currently in disposables because I went to back to work and was intimidated by the extra loads of laundry that would be required. Now that I have chosen to stay home, I am tempted to make the switch, but I am not sure how to jump in.
3. **Maggie** says:
 November 18, 2011 at 9:40 am
 When our time comes — currently TTC — we totally hope to cloth diaper! We both love the smaller impact on the environment, savings and benefit for baby.
4. **Mrs. JennyK** says:
 November 18, 2011 at 9:50 am
 We cloth diaper our twins for a number of reasons (#1 because of the money savings). I didn't realize that the disposables contain that SAP stuff. Yuck! That makes me even happier about our decision.
 The Charlie Banana prints are sooo adorable! Would love to win this. What a great package.
 JennyK
5. **Alison P.** says:
 November 18, 2011 at 9:55 am
 Loved the article – great information, and it helped me make a choice! We're switching to cloth – better for the environment and the baby is having sensitivity problems with the disposables.
 We'd LOVE to win the Charlie Banana diapers – best of both worlds! (and they're really cute!)
6. **Siobhan** says:
 November 18, 2011 at 9:58 am
 As I was putting away my freshly washed cloth diapers yesterday, I realized that I have officially become a lover of cloth diapers. I used disposables for my first but have officially made the swap with my second now. I don't just like them, I love them. I am obsessed. They are cuter and cheaper. I love LOVE not having to spend money on diapers on a regular basis. I LOVE that my third babe (due in March) won't be costing us much extra diaper money. My second is currently 11 months so our cloth diapers are still in good condition for them to share. The laundry is really truly not as bad as people may think. Diaper laundry is my least-hated laundry actually because it doesn't require the dreaded folding.
 I like that the shades of green article mentioned that the average child will go through 7,000 diapers. Holy Moley! Do the math on that and you'll see the advantage for another type of green, too! The money kind of



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green, in case that isn't clear... haha 😊

7. **Melissa** says:
November 18, 2011 at 10:10 am
We used cloth diapers part-time with my son and with this little one due in December we would like to use cloth full-time. I had heard of the gDiapers but only knew of one Eco-Friendly diaper (Seventh Generation). I realized after reading the above article that there are many diaper options, even when it comes to Eco-Friendly diapers. I would love to win the Charlie Banana diapers so that we can have enough to use cloth full-time! Thank you so much for this giveaway!
8. **Jennifer** says:
November 18, 2011 at 10:18 am
We will be using cloth diapers on our LO due in December, but not until next Spring/Summer since this is our first and we feel the need to learn the baby ropes before adding in extra washing/cleaning (plus all the free disposables people have been buying for us). I would love to get some free, cloth diapers are a great option for us since I will be home more than half time, but they are pricy up front. Reading in the article that the average baby goes through 7000 sure helped the money rationale though!! Wow
9. **Thalla-Marie** says:
November 18, 2011 at 10:22 am
We love charlie banana! my daughter is wearing the one we own right now! its so cute it has robots and rocket ships on it! we save so much money cloth diapering! I really love charlie banana its just so much money compared to some other pocket diapers. For Megan and Brooke this blog totally got me started and answered all my questions <http://styleberryblog.com/an-accidental-passion-cloth-diapering-for-the-modern-mom>
10. **Angela** says:
November 18, 2011 at 10:35 am
We are TTC right now, but once we have a little one we hope to cloth diaper, but I definitely see the value in the disposable inserts! I'd be willing to bet we'll end up with the hybrid diapers. 😊
11. **Jessica Beard** says:
November 18, 2011 at 10:55 am
We currently use disposables, but with the next one we are going to try cloth diapering. These would really come in handy!
12. **Tiffany A.** says:
November 18, 2011 at 11:12 am
I really want to try disposable diapering. When I was a nanny, I went through like 20 diapers a day.... So now that we are going to have our own baby going green is definitely what we want!
13. **Sherry-Ann** says:
November 18, 2011 at 11:24 am
I currently use cloth diapers not only are they good for the environment they also great for baby's skin (He is 6 weeks old) would love to try Charlie banana's. I use the old fashion diapers and pins 😊
14. **Stephanie** says:
November 18, 2011 at 11:25 am
We are using 100% cloth with our son. He is 3 1/2 months old. I decided on cloth before he was born just for the money savings. I have tried disposables on him a couple times (for the first month since he is our first and I was exhausted!). We also used disposables for his first trip. He gets rashes every time and blows out of them every time as well. We have since taken 2 trips of a week each with cloth both times and it works out great! I have also become kind of obsessed with cloth as we are still trying to find the perfect diapers for him (but they all work!)
15. **Nicole** says:
November 18, 2011 at 11:29 am
I learned that gDiapers are the closest thing to a completely biodegradable product, Charlie also makes a disposable insert for their Diapers also!! I think it's great for the sitters, makes things easier on Mom.

We do Cloth Diapers here and Charlies are by far my Favorite! We tried Prefolds and fitteds with a cover but they got to be too bulky and Jo had a hard time walking. I prefer Inserts or AIO!

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16. **tiffany elkins** says:
November 18, 2011 at 11:30 am
I love that they are so versatile and they have such a wide variety of products. I mean sized one size, wipes, swim diapers that's awesome. I love the prints and the simplicity of Charlie Banana's cloth diapers, they look easy to do 😊
17. **Erin Human** says:

November 18, 2011 at 11:30 am
 Interesting article – it was very illuminating about what makes “eco-friendly” disposables less toxic and wasteful than conventional diapers.

We ventured into cloth diaper terrain starting with hybrids, to test the waters and leave ourselves the “out” of disposable inserts if we couldn’t handle all cloth. But it turned out we loved cloth. We now own a mix of cloth diapers but Charlie Bananas are definitely our favorite because they are so soft and cute with a great fit.

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18. *Samantha Allen* says:

November 18, 2011 at 11:30 am
 We cloth diaper our boys primarily for financial reasons, but the fact that we are helping the environment and keeping chemicals away from our babies skin are great too. We’d love to win!

I learned from the article that sadly there is no legal guideline of organic/natural when it comes to diapers. All the more reason why we should look into things closely when it comes to decisions like this.

19. *Bridgett Ryan Payseur* says:

November 18, 2011 at 11:30 am
 After starting with conventional disposables, we switched to cloth at about 5 months, and are very happy with our decision.
 I learned from the article that terms like “organic” or “chemical free” aren’t regulated for diapers. It definitely makes me feel even better about using cloth.

20. *Martine* says:

November 18, 2011 at 11:31 am
 My husband and I are expecting our first practically any day now. I had made up my mind in the very beginning of the pregnancy that I was going to cloth diaper. I have ventured into this world not knowing a single person who has done this since potato sacks! I have spent many hours researching and comparing diapers, and it feels like even more time defending my position on the matter. After reading the article I feel even better equipped, nay, armed to defend my stance. To actually see numbers, for example only a 53% footprint, really helps to put things into perspective!

21. *Amber Olsen* says:

November 18, 2011 at 11:32 am
 Hubby and I are VERY excited to do cloth diapering! A friend introduced us to the concept, and many more cheered us on. We want what best for our baby’s bottom and our bottom line.
 The article introduced me to the fact that there is no legal definition or qualification to “organic”. Yikes! I better do my research.
 Thanks for the info and the chance to win!

22. *Jessica* says:

November 18, 2011 at 11:33 am
 I am currently doing cloth diapers part-time, simply because I do not have enough stash to do it full time! I am really trying to build up my stash of CDs... I found it amazing how many diapers the average child will go through! That’s unbelievable, and makes me feel even more motivated to make the switch over 100%!!!!

23. *Stephanie* says:

November 18, 2011 at 11:33 am
 I plan on buying your diapers in the near future...I have an 14 month old and my second due in January! Too expensive to keep buying disposable! This would be great start to my diaper stash that is needed for 2 babies in diapers! Hope to win!

24. *Amy Dillard* says:

November 18, 2011 at 11:36 am
 I would love to cloth diaper full time, but I have a very small stash, so that makes it hard. Cloth diapering has so many benefits, good for my baby, budget, and the earth! It can be overwhelming at first but great articles make it easier!

25. *Kristin* says:

November 18, 2011 at 11:38 am
 we did a mixture of one size fits all pocket diapers, and prefolds with wool covers. i love using cloth. could for sure use the extra diapers!

26. *Sonya* says:

November 18, 2011 at 11:39 am
 I am currently using cloth (when I have them clean) and disposable diapers! I only have a few cloth diapers and need to up my fluff stash so I can quit using disposable!
 After reading “The many shades of “green” diapers”, I really need more fluff!! From the article, I learned that the conventional diapers contain the water absorbing ingredient is SAP which can no longer be used in tampons because of a possible link to TSS. Hmm, can’t use SAP in a tampon but we are going to put it on a baby’s diaper and have them wearing it until it needs changed. I have to go wash my 6 cloth diapers now!!

27. *shelby* says:

November 18, 2011 at 11:40 am
 If this was around with our first, I would have used them—cloth diapers seemed so intimidating 10 years ago! But disposables are SO expensive, not to mention wasteful. I love the early potty training benefit of cloth as well. CB is so cute!

28. *Putri* says:

November 18, 2011 at 11:53 am
 Its so sad that this giveaway just for US resident only..

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- 29. *Ashley says:*
November 18, 2011 at 11:54 am
We hope to use cloth diapers with our upcoming child. The savings are a huge factor, as well as the environmental impact. Great giveaway!
- 30. *Sheila Garey says:*
November 18, 2011 at 11:55 am
Thanks for the great article, I too didn't realize that there was no standard for labeling although it doesn't surprise me. We made the switch to cloth about two months ago. Our little guy was just having too many rashes. I'm really glad we did, but definitely could use a few more. Right now, we have just barely enough to cloth diaper full time. It be really nice to have a little cushion. Also, I've been watching and drooling over the Charlie Bananas! Especially, right now with a bout of diarrhea, the disposable inserts would really be handy.


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- 31. *Jessica says:*
November 18, 2011 at 11:57 am
We initially started with the disposable diapers and now I am slowly converting to cloth. I never realized what was actually in a disposable! It amazes me that cloth diapering is so much easier than I thought it would be. We save so much money and all I have to do is 1 extra load of laundry, which is better than taking out the trash!
- 32. *Anna H says:*
November 18, 2011 at 12:00 pm
Great article! I love Charlie Bananas! I never tried any other brand. I prefer the one sized diapers because they fit better. We're expecting baby number 2 in 2 weeks and would love to get more!!!!
- 33. *amy says:*
November 18, 2011 at 12:03 pm
i am due in 8 weeks, and we have decided to cloth diaper. i know that a lot of times even sized cloth diapers do not fit newborns properly, so i am prepared with a few of the "green" disposable options for the first few weeks.
- 34. *Rochelle says:*
November 18, 2011 at 12:07 pm
I have done both and I just can't wash diaper every few days! A disposable insert option would be the perfect solution.
- 35. *Alison says:*
November 18, 2011 at 12:18 pm
We are expecting our first child this January and since before I got pregnant I knew that I wanted to use cloth diapers. I have been researching and looking for best diaper. I have decided that the one size Charlie Banana's are definitely going to be in our stash. If I had to use a disposable I would chose a hybrid, with the disposable insert.
- 36. *Heather says:*
November 18, 2011 at 12:19 pm
We started cloth diapering our 2nd baby when he was six months old and fell in love with it. We are solely a Charlie Banana family and would love to add more to our collection. We love that they are Eco-friendly, easy to use and cheaper than disposables in the long run. Yay for Charlie Banana!!!
- 37. *Jessa says:*
November 18, 2011 at 12:21 pm
I'm due with my first baby next week (eek!) and have decided to cloth diaper. I've been a little apprehensive about the process but feel that it is the best decision overall for both my baby and the environment. The article "The many shades of "green" diapers" was so helpful in explaining the various options available. Thank you for the opportunity to win!
- 38. *Jenna says:*
November 18, 2011 at 12:24 pm
The average baby will go through about 7,000(!) diapers in a lifetime. What I learned from the article.

I really love CD'ing my 2 kids. One is now potty trained and we have one on the way (so ages, 3,18mos, and due in Feb.). I just felt really bad about how much trash we were generating with the diapers and the wipes, literally bags per week, when both were still in diapers. It adds up so fast, and so does the bill!
- 39. *Ariana L says:*
November 18, 2011 at 12:25 pm
We use 100% cloth and reading the article reminds me off just a few of the reasons why! I didn't realize babies would use 7000 diapers before potty training. So happy we use cloth!

40. *Nancy Ludka* says:
November 18, 2011 at 12:30 pm
We cloth diaper and love it. There are so many benefits to your baby and the environment I can't imagine doing anything else! Cloth diapering is also an amazing introduction to get individual families to start thinking about doing other things environmentally friendly. From cloth diapers to the laundry detergent need to properly wash them, to wet bags, reusable snack and grocery bags. I use cloth diapers as a tool to influence other families because I know it will get them thinking more responsibly about the products they use everyday. From the article The Many Shades of Green Diapers, I learned the US is the leader in waste from disposable diapers. That is a shameful statistic.
41. *Rebecca* says:
November 18, 2011 at 12:32 pm
We cloth diaper 90% of the time for many of the reasons listed in the article....especially the SAPs! They make me nervous. We have a few Charlie Banana diapers and love them; they are so well-made! I would love to add to our stash!
42. *Lindsay* says:
November 18, 2011 at 12:33 pm
We cloth diaper our 2 sons part-time. There is something so therapeutic about doing diaper laundry! We have 6 Charlie Bananas in our stash, and we love them!
43. *Erin* says:
November 18, 2011 at 12:36 pm
I love cloth diapering! However, we do use disposables when we are out and about...or if Daddy is diapering! Lately, our little boy has been having diaper leaks every night in a disposable. I busted out the cloth...no pee in my bed!!
44. *Jessica W.* says:
November 18, 2011 at 12:41 pm
I switched to cloth diapers when my son was 13 months old. I wish I had started sooner. What concerns me the most is the chemicals found in disposables. I have read numerous articles that talk about how disposables are thought to be a cause in infertility. In the article Different shades of 'green' disposable diapers I learned that they are not always biodegradable. I would love to try charlie banana diapers!
45. *Anne Lehnick* says:
November 18, 2011 at 12:47 pm
I used cloth diapers on my first child. I didn't know about cloth diapers and was so overwhelmed by so many things about pregnancy and getting ready for a baby, that I didn't have time to research it. For my second child, I didn't need to re-equip my nursery, so I invested time researching cloth diapers. I decided it was the right choice for me, and here we are - 11 months into it and we LOVE it!


I learned that the US is the leader in disposable diaper usage.

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46. *Lisa Lutes* says:
November 18, 2011 at 12:49 pm
1. I have chosen cloth diapers. I use them on my first and plan to buy more for the baby that is on the way.
2. I learned that each child uses an average of 7,000 diapers before potty training. Considering I only have 29 cloth diapers that I keep reusing and washing, I can see how much waste I'm saving- especially if I use them for two children!
47. *Amanda* says:
November 18, 2011 at 12:58 pm
We're using diaper service prefolds and covers, along with a lot of chlorine-free disposables.
48. *Lia Altmiller* says:
November 18, 2011 at 12:58 pm
The article was great! I used disposable diapers with my first son and we fought a rash all the time. With my second son we started out with disposables and had the same problems. When he was two months we decided to try cloth. Thanks to a couple friends who had been doing it for a few months already, I was able to gather some great information on them and ended up making the best choice for my little guy. The Charlie Banana website gave us the best information on why cloths are so much better. And after reading about all the gunk in disposables (also from their website) we new for sure that Charlie banana cloths were the right diaper for us. This article was just another great reminder that we made the right choice. We would love to add for Charlie bananas to our stash! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to participate in this.
49. *melissa* says:
November 18, 2011 at 1:18 pm
My husband and I wanted to go for cloth diapers, but we were kind of overwhelmed by the options and didn't want to invest hundreds of dollars only to have purchased something that wouldn't work. I have been wanting to try Charlie banana for a while, and getting to try before buying would be wonderful. I

loved the article, by the way! The information given on sizing cleared up questions I've had for a while.

50. *Mary* says:

November 18, 2011 at 1:26 pm

I just LOVE Charlie Banana!!! My six month little girl has been in the one-size since she was two months old. My husband and I really appreciate the cost savings, plus it is super easy to wash, hang dry and stuff them... most nights, that's what we do for a date!! She wears them double-stuffed to sleep and we've never had a problem with leakage 😊 I would really LOVE to win some more because that would cut down on the number of times we do laundry.

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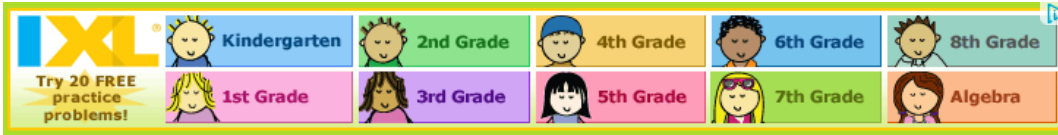
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