

Cloth Diapering 101: Setting the Record Straight

If you're new to the world of cloth or reusable diapering, you probably aren't aware of the makeover cloth diapers have gone through in the last decade. In fact, many mothers who are cloth diapering advocates would agree that reusable diapers are one of the most misunderstood baby products on the market today.

While the majority of the U.S. population uses disposables diapers, Fuzzi Bunz believes this is the case because there is a lot of misinformation or lack of information available today. Here is our attempt to set the record straight about what cloth diapering is REALLY like.

<i>MYTH</i>	<i>TRUTH</i>
Cloth diapers are difficult to use and are inconvenient to care for and wash	Fuzzi Bunz are convenient to use and simply involve an extra few loads of laundry a week. While you do the laundry, you can enjoy play time with your baby. No need to run to the store to buy new diapers.
Cloth diapers can be expensive too	There is a one-time up-front cost to buying Fuzzi Bunz, but after that, you never have to think about buying diapers again! Also, because Fuzzi Bunz make great gifts, many mothers receive them at baby showers and never spend a penny on diapers.
Cloth diapers have pins and plastic pants that can poke or irritate my baby's skin	Reusable diapers have come a long way. While some mothers still use pins and plastic pants, there are many innovative and modern options like Fuzzi Bunz available today. Fuzzi Bunz are made with soft fleece and easy-to-use snaps; there are no materials to irritate your baby's delicate skin.
Cloth diapers are not environmentally friendly because you have to use extra water to wash them	The amount of water used to launder cloth diapers at home is about 50 to 70 gallons of water every three days; this is about the same as a toilet-trained child or adult flushing the toilet five to six times a day. Eighteen billion disposable diapers are thrown in landfills each year, taking as many as 500 years to decompose. They make up the third largest source of solid waste in landfills, a significant fact considering that disposable diapers are used by a limited portion of the population. More than 82,000 tons of plastic and 1.3 million tons of wood pulp, or a quarter-million trees, are needed to manufacture disposable diapers in the U.S. Some will argue that in areas prone to droughts that disposables are the better environmental choice. If that is the case, we should take that example to the extreme by using disposable plates and utensils and doing away with dishwashers.

<p>You can't use cloth diapers to control night time leaks</p>	<p>Fuzzi Bunz offer an adjustable, snug fit around the legs and waist to deter potential leaks. Also the patented pocket design allows you to add more absorbency into the pocket, which is particularly useful at night.</p>
<p>Cloth diapers don't keep your baby dry</p>	<p>While traditional cloth diapers have been known to be wet and soggy, Fuzzi Bunz contain a super absorbent inner layer that pulls away moisture from your baby's delicate skin, similar to disposable diapers, which keeps your baby dry. Another difference is that disposables contain a super-absorbing chemical called polyacrylate. Fuzzi Bunz contain no chemicals, so they keep your baby naturally dry by design. Plus, cloth diapers have been linked to lower incidences of diaper rash, so your baby may never experience the perils of diaper rash again.</p>
<p>Cloth diapers are bulky and ugly</p>	<p>Fuzzi Bunz offer a slim fit that come in a variety of sizes to fit your baby's body shape. Many parents are delighted when they see how cute their babies look in the wide-variety of Fuzzi Bunz colors.</p>
<p>Cloth diapers are unsanitary</p>	<p>Fuzzi Bunz were designed to be more sanitary than most cloth diapers because they have a two-part design. Both parts are thoroughly cleaned after each use. There is no need for swirling, soaking or dunking dirty diapers. You simply wash the diapers in your laundry machine and then they're ready to be used again within hours.</p>