

Cloth Diapering Essentials – A Quick Guide

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Assumptions:

- Full-time cloth diapering
- Daily laundry, line-drying (tropical climate)
- Similar diapering solution for day and night
- Price range is a general estimate only (Premium brands may cost a lot more)

Item	Quantity	Examples (Click on links for reviews)	Price Range	Notes
Cloth Diapers				
Prefolds / Flats with Diaper Covers and Liners	Min. 2 dozens infant prefolds / flats Min. 4 diaper covers (XS / S for newborn) Min. 10 washable stay-dry liners	Pigeon flats, Bummis prefolds Bummis Super Brite Diaper Cover Bummis Fleece Liners	Flats: S\$10 per dozen Prefolds: S\$40+ to S\$80+ (organic) per dozen Cover: ~S\$20 (good quality) Liner: ~S\$2 Total: S\$120 to S\$260 (newborn)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very suitable for newborns up to 2 months old • Diaper cover may be reused a few times until wet or soiled
Pocket Diapers	Min. 10 diapers per size or one-size Min. 20 inserts	Moo Moo Kow™ One-Size , Happy Heiny's One-Size , Bouncy Baby One-Size , Knickernappies 2G , Drybees , Drybees Fleece (Night) Various inserts reviewed here	S\$20 to S\$30+ each (sometimes incl. Inserts) Insert: ~S\$10 (depends on material) Total: S\$300 (One-size) to S\$900 (sized)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diaper & insert to be replaced at every change • Inserts take longer than pocket diapers to dry • One-size diapers may wear out after prolonged use and washing
All-in-Twos	Min. 4 diaper shells per size or one-size Min. 20 soakers	Flip, GroVia™	Shell: S\$20+ Soaker: S\$10+ Total: S\$280 (AI2s mostly in one-size)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diaper shell may be reused a few times until wet or soiled • Soakers take longer than shells to dry

All-in-Ones	Min. 15 diapers per size or one-size	Drybees AIO Hybrid, Bottombumpers Side-Snapping AIO	S\$20+ to S\$30+ Total: S\$450 (One-size) to S\$1,050 (Sized)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually longer drying time needed
Disposable Inserts / Soakers	Optional	Flip One-Size Disposable Inserts , GroVia™ Biosoakers®	S\$0.40 to S\$0.80 Total: S\$0 to S\$?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For travelling or when dry inserts run out
Swim Diapers	Optional: 1	Bummis Swimmis	S\$20+ Total: S\$0 to S\$25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many swimming pools require babies to wear swim diapers
Cloth Wipes	Min. 15	Wahmies Multi-Purpose Cloth Wipes , Moo Moo Kow™ Bamboo Cloth Wipes	S\$3 to S\$5 (depends on materials) Total: S\$45 to S\$75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be used with water. Wipes solution is optional.
Diaper Pail Liners	Optional: 2	Wahmies Diaper Pail Liner	S\$20+ Total: S\$0 to S\$50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Without liner, simply wash diaper pail often
Wet Bags	1 (Medium)	Wahmies Fun Prints Wet Bag , Planet Wise Wet Bag , Bouncy Baby Wet Bag	S\$10+ to S\$20+ Total: S\$20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For outdoor use
Detergent	Per load: 1/4 to 1/2 of recommended amount	Pureen H-A-D , Tiny Bubbles	~S\$2 per month Total: S\$24 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No softener, bleach or enzymes Alternative: Laundry balls (top-loading machine)
Diaper Cream	Optional: Use when needed and only sparingly	Bepanthen Ointment (Nappy Rash)	S\$0 to S\$10 per month Total: S\$0 to S\$120 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be known to be cloth diaper-friendly May use liner to protect cloth diaper
			S\$465 and S\$24 per year to S\$1,480 and S\$144 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well-maintained cloth diapers may be passed down to younger siblings, or sold / donated to others.

For easier laundry, also consider buying a **toilet sprayer** and **laundry nets**.
Exchange rates: S\$1=USD0.73, S\$1=RM2.32

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