

Overview

The Second Annual Flats and Handwashing Challenge is intended to raise awareness about the dangers of improper diapering techniques (reusing disposable diapers, not changing often enough for financial reasons, etc) and prove that there is a way to use cloth diapers without a washer/dryer if the situation calls for it. The challenge will last for a full 7 days and takes place May 21-27. Please note that the rules have been slightly changed since last year.

Materials Allowed

The following diapering items can be used:

- Any flat cloth diaper, store bought or handmade. A flat should be only I layer of material for easier handwashing and faster drying.
- I night time diaper per night of your choice although you are asked to make flats work for you.
- A diaper sprayer.
- Wet bags/diaper pails for storage.
- Handmade "washing machine" for diapers such as the camp style washer I made last year.
- Non Electronic Portable washing machines (must be powered by You and cost less than \$100.
- Commercially available or handmade covers.
- Commercially available or handmade detergents.

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- Snappi, Boingo, and Pins for closure.
- Pocket diapers STUFFED WITH FLATS. (note that the potential for repelling on the stay dry lining could make your challenge harder but you can see what happens)

Materials Not Allowed

- Electronic washer/dryer.
- Pockets with inserts other than flats, AIO's, Fitteds, Contours, Prefolds, AI2's, etc.

Rules for Everyone

- You cannot use your washer or dryer.
- If for some reason something arises and an exception is made you need to disclose in the Conclusions Survey or on your blog if you are a blogger.

Rules for Bloggers

- You cannot be sponsored in any way shape or form this year. You have to provide your own
 flats or use ones you already have. If there are sponsors for this event that have been
 approved to work with bloggers you will be contacted. Be sure to sign up to participate in
 order to receive any updates.
- You cannot offer exclusive advertising to stores in exchange for monetary compensation or free products within your flats posts. For example, you cannot say "I love the flats I purchased from _____. They have free shipping and amazing customer service. Like them on Facebook to keep up to date."
- You must add a daily photo from the previous day or the same day to each post of either your flats being washed, dried, or being worn by your baby. Why? Because I want others to be able to see you are actively participating each day and not just writing up a post.
- You must link the announcement page on Dirty Diaper Laundry on the post for each day that
 is home to the linky. You will have 24 hours to add the link each day but can publish it before
 if need be.

You can sign up for the challenge by visiting this link: https://clothdiapers.wufoo.com/forms/m7p7k7/

For ideas on how the Challenge will operate please consult Dirty Diaper Laundry's archive of the Flats Challenge 2011.

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