

## YOU'VE DECIDED TO CLOTH DIAPER!

Cloth diapers are an amazing way to care for your baby, your budget, and your planet.

Now it's time to choose a detergent that is safe for your baby,

effectively cleans your cloth diapers, and works well for your family's priorities.

**HIGH CLEANING POWER** 

**PLANET FRIENDLY** 

**WORKS FOR YOU** 

**SAFE FOR YOUR BABY** 

Although many detergents will work well when washing cloth diapers, it is important to find one that effectively cleans your diapers and works well for the needs of your whole family. Laundry detergents that work well for a baby's regular clothing may also be suitable for cloth diapers.

Some detergents contain ingredients such as perfumes, dyes, optical brighteners, and fabric softeners that may leave residue on fabric. In our experience, detergent residue can be problematic for cloth diapers and for little ones with skin sensitivities. If your child seems to be having issues with skin sensitivities, we recommend seeking the advice of a physician. In some cases, you may want to consider an alternate detergent choice.

Cotton Babies recommends using detergents that clean your diapers well and work well for your whole family. Avoid fabric softeners.

## **WASHING YOUR CLOTH DIAPERS**



Wash once on warm with detergent.\*



Next, heavy-duty wash on hot (140F/60C) with enough detergent\* for one heavily soiled full load of laundry.



Follow with one cold rinse.



Tumble dry low or line-dry covers, AIOs and diaper shells.



Tumble dry inserts, fitteds and prefolds.

\*For hard water, increase detergent amount. For soft water, decrease detergent amount. Adjust recommendations as needed.

## **WASHING TIPS**

Always follow the washing directions provided by the manufacturer of the product you purchased.

- 1. Detergents are concentrated. Read and follow manufacturer recommendations. Always measure.
- 2. Use HE compatible detergent in an HE washing machine.
- 3. Powdered detergents may be more effective in warm or hot water.
- 4. Avoid the use of anything not designed for laundry.
- 5. Mineral based rash creams may stain your diapers. Cod liver oil based rash creams may cause odor.
- 6. Wash soiled diapers every other day. Small numbers of wet, not poopy, diapers could be combined with other laundry loads like towels, socks or underwear.
- 7. Store your diapers in a dry pail. If needed, soak in a washing machine. To avoid risk of drowning, do not store or soak diapers in buckets or in bathtubs. www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Water-Safety/waterinjuries-factsheet.html



If you need additional help, feel free to reach out to our experts at 1-888-332-2243