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**What's In My Diaper Bag? A Humorous Look At A Working Mom's Life In A Bag...**

**By Melanie Bocoek**

As a business owner and mom, I regularly commute between my home office and a rented office space. Sometimes I begin to feel like a baggage handler by the time I make it to the office. Believe me, toting a laptop computer, diaper bag, stack of files, lunch for the day and my infant son is no easy task. I am hoping it counts as exercise though!

The diaper bag I carry seems to have taken on a life of its own as it has grown to its capacity. It definitely holds more than baby items. It is my lifeline!

I recently went through my bag hoping to scale down a bit. Here are some of the items I found:

·Diapers and Wipes and other baby things (it IS a diaper bag after all) ·Cell Phone (doubles as a teether, but don't forget to lock your keypad so baby can't call Tokyo) ·Tylenol For Baby ·Tylenol For Me (or something stronger) ·Business Cards ·Energy Bars (sometimes lunch is a luxury) ·Telephone Headset (device that allows you to breastfeed, talk on the phone and work on the computer at the same time). ·Loose Change (usually left over from a McDonalds drive-thru trip) ·Crayons and a Coloring Book (to keep my 4 year old occupied while I'm on the phone with clients) ·Dollar Bills (to bribe my 4 year old while I'm on the phone with clients) ·Duct Tape (for emergencies only....again with the 4 year old and being on the phone with clients) ·Sandwich Bag full of Cheerios (for baby and sometimes the energy bars aren't enough) ·To Do List (in case you actually find time to work)

In my attempt to scale down, I realized I just needed a bigger diaper bag. I see no reason to fight it. My needs will only increase as my son gets older and more mobile. Diaper bag designs will just have to evolve to work for me!

Right now I am thinking one with wheels would be good. I can picture it now: a huge diaper bag on wheels that will hold all of the above items, plus my files, my laptop and my lunch with an infant seat mounted on top for my son.

In all seriousness, diaper bags have come a long way since my daughter was born. I did end up scaling down a bit and began shopping for something a little more sophisticated. Something without a

bunny design would be a great start! I was really pleased to find a great selection of fashion forward bags for moms. They are functional yet hip! The available fabrics are out of this world and you can find every style and size imaginable. I finally settled on a bag that fits both my mom and business owner lifestyles. I feel like a million bucks now.

Well actually, a million bucks is a bit of an exaggeration. The diaper bag was a tremendous improvement to my "look" but I will still need to do something about my ponytail and sweatpants. That will have to be a different article.

Melanie Bocock is a web developer, wife and mother of two. She recently found a great new designer diaper bag at Lil Diva Bags

<http://www.lildivahandbags.com>

## **Shopping For Diaper Bags**

**By John H. Rogers**

When the little one arrives, diaper bags are a must. This can be anything from a bag specifically designed for this purpose to an oversized shoulder bag with a lot of extra compartments. The truth is that there is no universal rule for diaper bags and how they should look. In fact, they can be very stylish and even affordable.

When shopping for diaper bags, you may sometimes end up paying more for a bag just because of it's intended purpose. The truth is that you can often find a bag, with just as much possibility, for a lot less money if you know what to look for.

What are diaper bags? Basically, these are bags that you take with you that include baby items, such as diapers, powders, baby wipes and a change of clothes for the little one incase of an accident. Just because you are sporting a bag full of diapers doesn't mean that you cannot do it with style. Shopping for diaper bags can be as easy as either visiting the infant section of a local retail or online store, but it can also be as simple as a stroll through the purse aisle.

Consider purchasing a large leather shoulder bag with internal compartments and lots of space. One thing that all diaper bags must have in common, regardless of their design, is a snap or zip closure. This will help to prevent the baby's things from accidentally falling out or rolling away if the bag slips off of your shoulder. And, this can happen, especially when your priority is holding onto a squirming baby and you aren't paying attention to much else. The main thing is to keep your child in your arms at all cost and if that means dropping a few diaper bags, then it helps to have a secured closure so that the contents of the bag will stay safe.

You can find diaper bags, or purses that can be used for that purpose, at any one of the many online stores carrying purses. You can often find a terrific sale on popular designs, which makes the deal

even sweeter. One of the important considerations when shopping for diaper bags is their comfort. You will be spending a lot of time toting this bag, so you want and need for it to be comfortable. It should be large enough to hold all of the necessary items, but without being overly bulky or awkward.

Want to learn more about diaper bags? Make sure you visit our site at:

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for access to additional diaper bags tips and information.



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