

Mama's Got a Brand New (Diaper) Bag

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New babies come with lots of essentials to tote around, from diapers to an extra change of clothes. A diaper bag is one of the many purchases new parents make that is used on a daily basis. *Atlanta Parent* gathered some of our favorite picks for parents – whether you are a penny pincher or a fashionista.



A good budget buy, the **Gerber 4-in-1** striped diaper bag also passes for a stylish tote. A changing pad, wipes case and additional tote to store other items included. This bag does not include many interior pockets, so the extra tote comes in handy. Two zippered pockets on the outside provide additional storage. It's made of easy-to-clean, 100 percent nylon. Available at buybuy BABY, Target.com and Babiesrus.com. \$24.99



Skip Hop is known for trendy diaper bags, and many parents are fans of the durable **Skip Hop Duo Deluxe Diaper Bag**. Reasonably priced, the bag comes with strong magnetic closures, 11 pockets (including a zippered personal pocket) and a changing pad. Shuttle clips that can attach to any stroller make it easy to tote around town. The bag comes in a variety of colors and patterns, from a feminine look for mom to a neutral one for dad. Available at SkipHop.com, buybuy BABY and A Room of Their Own. \$54

Is it a laptop bag or a diaper bag? It's nice that you can't tell and even dad won't mind toting around this stylish diaper bag from Trend Lab. **The Ultimate Diaper Bag**, a great value, includes three outside magnetic pockets. Inside the main zippered compartment is a mesh pocket, zippered pocket, and detachable, easy-to-access changing pad and clear storage bag. Two insulated bottle holders on each side complete the variety of storage in this bag. Available at Babies 'R' Us, buybuy BABY and Amazon.com. \$29.95



A stylish bag that can pass as a purse, the fun and funky **Kokopax Samantha Diaper Bag** is 100 percent cotton canvas on the outside and water-resistant on the inside. Store all of baby's supplies in the three deep pockets and your goodies in a separate zippered pocket. Also includes a beverage compartment and changing pad. Available at New Baby Products, Amazon.com and kokopax.com. \$99.99



Diaper Bag Basics

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 Frequent travelers suffer much trial-and-error to become expert packers, and so do new moms. Our guide to packing the diaper bag will save you some "Oh, no!" moments.



- Small toys to keep baby amused
- Snacks
- Sippy cup for toddlers
- Bib
- Water for drinking or mixing formula
- Diapers, of course, enough for the trip and a few extras
- Teething ring and pain reliever for babies who are old enough
- Breast pads if nursing; bottles and formula if not
- Hand sanitizer
- Baby wipes and diaper cream
- Burp cloth to protect your clothing
- Change of clothes for baby
- Extra pacifier
- Changing pad
- Plastic bags for dirty diapers or wet clothes
- Disposable camera for unexpected photo ops
- Small first-aid kit

A splurge, this stylish **OiOi Diaper Bag** doesn't even look like a diaper bag. It comes in a variety of styles and patterns. The Pompeian Red Ikat Tapestry Hobo Diaper Bag is made of organic cotton and includes a changing pad, insulated bottle holder and wipes pad. An easy-to-clean interior includes a zippered pouch, two inside pockets, divided pocket and a small outside lined zippered pocket. Also includes a strap so it can easily attach to a stroller. Available at buybuy BABY, A Room of Their Own and Due Maternity. \$160



If you are already a **Vera Bradley** fan, you may know that the design company also makes a diaper bag. Its roomy diaper bag includes 11 pockets, inside and out, including a full zippered back, key fob, cell phone holder, easy-to-clean liner, pacifier clip and matching changing pad. When spills happen, you can toss it in the wash. This lightweight diaper bag comes in more than 40 patterns and can convert into a weekend or gym bag. Available at Vera Bradley Phipps Plaza (VeraBradley.com), Mori Luggage & Gifts and Limetree. \$97



For families on the go, Skip Hop's new **Bento Ultimate Diaper Bag** is more than a diaper bag – it's a handy mealtime kit. This bag features 15 pockets, including five mesh pockets, two insulated bottle pockets, mealtime bento compartment, padded tote straps, and shuttle clips to attach to any stroller. The insulated mealtime kit keeps food separate and includes CLIX containers for snacks and a cooler bag for fresh food. The CLIX containers are BPA-, PVC- and phthalate-free. This bag has use beyond the baby years. Available at SkipHop.com, Babies 'R' Us, buybuy BABY and A Room of Their Own. \$99

