

# Nice lunchbox... (A review of re-wrap-it Sandwich wrappers)

Oi you naughty lot! I wasn't talking about anything kinky, or David Beckham's groin area for that matter, I was actually talking about Packed Lunches (but, saying that, I will just leave this here...you can thank me later)

[via GIPHY](#)

Both of my older boys are packed lunches every day at school. We tried school dinners for a year but they're both so fussy (and school dinners really didn't help them try new things sadly in our case) that it's just easier for me to do a packed lunch each day for them and then all three of them have the same cooked dinner in the evening.

It does drive me a bit bonkers making the lunches some days. Then there's reminding them to take their lunch boxes with them to school in the morning, as well as reminding them to bring their lunch boxes home with them every day so they don't sit and fester overnight on the lunch trolley...

Delightful.

Then there's all the rubbish they create. I've started putting a plastic sandwich bag in their lunchbox to try and help them keep their lunch boxes clean and tidy and so they can dispose of their rubbish quickly and easily, but I am aware this isn't very environmentally friendly.

So when I was contacted the other day by a lovely lady called Shona, from re-wrap-it to review some of her REUSABLE sandwich wrappers, I jumped at the chance! Her email was wonderful too, made me chuckle a lot!

***"The concept is very simple. Rather than using plastic bags,***

*cling film or tinfoil to wrap up you sandwiches, you use a Wrapper; just place the food in the centre and fold over and seal with the velcro strap. To clean, just wipe the inside with a cloth, as if it were a plate, and if the outside gets a spill or grubby you can just give it a rinse in the sink like a rag. It can go in the washing machine at 30 degrees – you just have to make sure the velcro is strapped over to avoid catching on the inevitable sock!*

*As a Green waste reducing product, I was very keen to keep them made in Scotland rather than go overseas. I really struggled to get either any manufacturer to get back to me, or to get a reasonable price....so I contacted Kilmarnock High Security Men's Prison. The inmates now do the sewing for me. They learn a skill, gain a qualification and so hopefully a better chance of getting a job when they are released.*

*It really is a win win situation as they are made 20 minutes away so I can chop and change the colours.*

*The Wrappers are great for school Eco Committees or Enterprise Clubs to sell on as a fund raiser for the school; one of the Eco Schools Green Flag award criteria is to have a rubbish free lunch hall – so the Wrappers tick that box!*

*They're of course great for sandwiches, rolls, and toddler finger food platters, but our ones have been well used as rain hats, waterproof seats for Scottish picnics, and the kids have also used them for sledging .....not perhaps their most successful outing".*

How wonderful is that?!

An impromptu rain hat as well as a sandwich wrapper!

I loved Shona's company ethos, the fact the local prison inmates make them so they can learn a new skill is fantastic, and I thought the whole premise behind it was really brilliant. Rubbish that can't be recycled is a huge problem and packed lunch boxes are often full of rubbish like this. If we can start by educating our kids, then hopefully they will grow up to be more kind and considerate adults. We hope...

I got sent a fab Camo print Sandwich re- wrapper to try. My eldest, Luke, instantly claimed it for his own (poor Zak) and

was very excited to have his sarnies wrapped in it the next day at school.







The outside is fabric and the inside has a plastic covering so that any spills and spoldges can be easily cleaned up. The wrappers, as Shona said, can be used in the washing machine at 30 degrees and I've tested ours out in there (after Luke splodged yoghurt on it!) and it came out perfect. There is a space for you to pop a name on it and we found you can fit more than just a sandwich in there. I have managed to pop some salami and some fruit in Luke's one along with his sandwich. It's really quite roomy, but can also do up tightly enough that the sandwich inside won't slide about/leak out. As they say, simple ideas are always the best and this is certainly one of those!

Shona should be really proud of herself and I will most certainly be buying another one for my middle lad to use. They retail at £6.99 which I think is really reasonable and think of all the money you'll save in cling film/tin foil every school year!



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If you would like to see Shona's range of re-wrap-it wrappers, you can do so by visiting her website using the link which is below...



Image from [re-wrap-it.co.uk](http://re-wrap-it.co.uk)

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**Disclosure: 0 was sent a re-wrap-it for the purpose of this review. All words, thoughts and opinions are my own.**

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# Dinosaur Week: Day 6 – Dinosaur Lunchbox Ideas

Fussy eaters.

I have 2 in my house in the form of my eldest two boys and it drives me, if I am honest, completely up the wall.

Dinner is often a bit of a battle ground, it's getting easier, but it still isn't the most fun filled time of the day for us (hmmmm, dinner time seems to correlate to the time of day I most fancy a G&T, who knew?!)

Because of this, the boys have been packed lunches at school for the past year. They did school dinners for a year before that in a bid to see if it would help, but it didn't and their eating habits didn't improve and they were just wasting food which is a bug-bear of mine, so I changed them off them and now I make their lunches.

Truth be told, I'm not really one for 'Pinterest Lunches' as I like to call them. You know the ones, the photos of a vegetable animal, painfully crafted using 7 different vegetables and some cocktail sticks, the elaborate sandwiches which, once bashed around on the way to school, will look like a car crash scene rather than the intricate and elaborate lion you had made before they left for the school run this morning. Who has time for that anyway?! I was thankful for a luncheon meat sarnie at my Nan's as a kid (goodness, the thought of eating that now makes me want to vom. Sorry Nan...)



Photo from [blog.jiji.ng](http://blog.jiji.ng)

For day 6 of my Dinosaur week, in association with [Stickerscape](#) and [Kali Stileman](#), I have come up with an easily achievable version of a themed lunch. A dinosaur lunch!

**Here is what I did...**







**Sandwiches:** I used a dinosaur sandwich cutter (I got mine from Ocado.com but these are readily available everywhere – or you could use a cookie cutter and get the same result) to cut out the sandwiches into dinosaurs. These just have ham inside but you can pop whatever your child fancies inside them.

**Cheese:** I peeled a Dairy Lea Strip-cheese to make it look like a tree the Dinosaur Sandwich could eat.

**Grapes:** These grapes can become Dinosaur Eggs (or poop if you have typical poo obsessed kids like mine!) ALWAYS cut your grapes in half for children to prevent choking. I have only

just stopped doing this for my 8 year old but still do for my 6 and 2 year olds.

**Cocoa Pops:** Chocolate isn't allowed in our kids lunchboxes at school but cereal is so a few cocoa pops are classed as being fine. I used these to make dirt/stones in a pot to rest the dinosaur footprint biscuit on.

**Dinosaur Footprint Shortbread:** I made these with the kids the other day. They're super simple and [you can find the recipe here](#).

(I didn't have any left for the photos sadly, but my edible dinosaur eggs would also work really well in a lunchbox. [You can find the recipe for those here](#))

**Drink:** Water is the only drink allowed at school during the day, but at lunchtime the children are allowed milk, juice or a smoothie. I made some fruit squash and added a tiny bit of green food colouring to the squash to make it green. It's not really dino related but it looked more interesting and prehistoric!



I took this opportunity to label the packed lunch box and drinks bottle ready for the start of the school year.

I was sent some amazing name labels by [Stickerscape](#) and some of them even had the brilliant Dinosaur designs on our [wall stickers](#) by [Kali Stileman](#) on them. They're colourful, durable and just what I needed to help get organised for the back to school chaos that's looming around the corner! Importantly, they're also very clear to read and instantly recognisable which is very important when you have a child in charge of looking after their possessions!

If you go to the [Stickerscape](#) website, you can view their extensive range of [stick on and iron on name labels](#). They have a huge amount of different designs to suit every age and interest, and with prompt delivery, you'll have no trouble getting all those items, 'school ready'.





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Because my middle one is such a fussy eater, and he is only 6, reward charts do still work with him.

When [WOW Toys](#) very kindly sent me a, very fancy, reward chart to review, I instantly thought of my 6 year old and his eating habits. We used the snazzy reward chart to get him try a few different foods and do you know what, I worked!

The reward chart is a chart and rewards all in one box. It's a fab idea!





You move the magnetic star up the chart as they complete a task and when they get to a reward window (on numbers 1, 5 and 10) they get a toy which, in the end, makes up a set! It's a really fantastic idea and one my 6 year old really loved. It took us less than 10 days to get the chart done and in the process he tried new foods which I could never have imagined him trying a few days ago. It was amazing to be quite honest. Once complete, he ended up with a little dinosaur toy set composed of a cave man, a dinosaur and a carriage for the caveman to sit in. The toys are colourful, durable and I can see them lasting the test of time, even with my heavy handed toddler about!

We loved the fact the star was magnetic and we didn't have to remember putting sticker on a chart or anything. My 6 year old loved moving the star up when he had tried something new.

The age range on the box said 1-5, but there wasn't a chance my 2 year old would've understood the fact he couldn't have all the toys out of it in one go (#tantrumcentral) which is why I chose to use it for my 6 year old. I think the chart is great for kids from ages 3-7 personally but they toys inside it would be suitable from 1 year upwards because of their chunky and durable nature.

[You can buy the WOW toys reward chart here](#). They also have a racing car one and a fairy one available.

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Until 10th October 2016, you can get 20% off all Kali Stileman Wall Stickers at Stickerscape if you use the code DINOKALI.

**Disclosure: I was sent some name labels, wall stickers and a WOW Toys reward chart for the purpose of this review. All words, thoughts, ideas and opinions are my own.**