



Although there are many companies that sell adaptive apparel for children, their offerings often prioritize functionality at the expense of fashion. However, a few clothing companies have recently launched lines specifically for children with disabilities and designed with trends in mind:

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Tommy Hilfiger's Adaptive Clothing Line

Mindy Scheier, a fashion designer and mother of a child with muscular dystrophy, recalls feeling frustrated when her son wanted to wear jeans to school like his friends, and she couldn't find a pair that met his needs without sacrificing style. In response, she founded the [Runway of Dreams Foundation \(RODF\)](#), a nonprofit that helps people with disabilities obtain adaptive clothing and promotes inclusion in the fashion industry (1).

In 2016, Scheier collaborated with Tommy Hilfiger on a line of adaptive clothing for children (they've since expanded the line to include adults). The items include modifications to make putting on and taking off clothing easier, such as magnet closures, velcro, one-handed zippers, and side seam openings. They also have adjustable hems to accommodate [orthotics](#) and braces. All of the clothes are designed to look similar to other pieces by Tommy Hilfiger, for example by including faux buttons (2). You can shop the line here:

<https://usa.tommy.com/en/tommy-adaptive>



Target's Adaptive Clothing Line

Like Scheier, Stacey Monsen struggled to find clothing for her child. Monsen's daughter has motor impairments, and needs clothes that can fit over a diaper. In an email to *Today Parents*, she noted that most of the clothing designed to accommodate diapers is made for toddlers and babies – not an eight year old. “For pants or shorts, I either either size way up, or buy pieces that are all function and no style which are easy for her to pull on or off,” she wrote. “Elinor is just one child of the many, many children who would benefit from adaptive clothing.”

Monsen worked to design a line for Target, called the [Cat & Jack Collection](#), specifically for children with physical disabilities and [sensory-processing issues](#). The items are easy to take on and off, accommodate diapers, and are wheelchair-friendly. Some of the pieces even feature hidden openings to allow for abdominal feeding tube insertion. Moreover, she avoided tags, prominent seams, and scratchy materials, all of which may irritate children with hypersensitivity (3).

You can browse Target's offerings here: <https://www.target.com/c/cat-jack/-/N-4uai4>

Zappos' Adaptive Clothing and Footwear Lines

The popular online company Zappos offers both adaptive clothing and footwear for children. Their director, Saul Dave, told *Disability Scoop* why he decided to launch this line:



“Zappos Adaptive started with a single phone call from a customer looking to exchange a pair of shoes for her grandson who was unable to tie his own laces. My disappointment in not being able to replace the shoes inspired me to start this initiative.”

The clothing items are reversible, soft, and without tags, buttons, or zippers. They also sell shoes that can easily be slipped on and off and orthotic-friendly footwear.

Dave stressed that he planned on continuing to expand the line, noting that “Through our research we discovered there is a huge underserved community needing clothing that is both functional and fashionable” (4).

Indeed, they are now collaborating with PBS KIDS to create a collection “that’s playful and stylish while keeping things easy.” The website says more details are [coming soon](#), but from teaser photos it appears to feature tees and sweatpants with fun graphics of animals and air travel. They also note that the clothes can be worn frontward or backward, “So no matter how they put it on, it’s right!” This could help children achieve greater independence in dressing (5).

You can check out all of Zappos’ adaptive products here: <https://www.zappos.com/e/adaptive>

Do you have any favorite adaptive clothing collections or companies? Please comment below!

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We are passionate about helping families obtain the compensation necessary to cover their extensive medical bills, loss of wages (if one or both parents have to miss work in order to care for their child), assistive technology, and other necessities.

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Sources

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[Zappos](#): Collaboration with PBS Kids





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