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THE RESOURCEFUL TRAVELER

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Travel accessories

Disposable panties and briefs

(DNA Products; \$3 per package)

So life--or your trip--is too short to do laundry. It's possible to buy undies you can toss in the trash bin instead of the hamper. The underthings are made of polypropylene, which isn't as bad as it sounds. The hospital-white polypropylene "fabric" looks a lot like paper towels, but is thinner, softer and sturdier. For women, LeBrief panties come five to a package and have elastic at the waist and legs, with a crotch liner of 100 percent cotton. A thread of colored rickrack at the bikini-style waistband adds a girlish touch. Women's sizes S-XXL. For men, two choices: Yo!Briefs come five to a package, with elastic at the legs, a front fly and a 1/2-inch wide elastic waistband. El Boxers, three to a package, have finished leg openings and a fly front. Men's sizes S-XXL. (www.dnaproductsonline.com)

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