



Glenn and me with the kids

Sleeping like a baby

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Clever

it took her a bit longer to remain dry through the night. 'There you go, love,' I said, changing Mia's pyjama bottoms.

I was busy managing a rental-property business from home while caring for Mia and my son Lewis, two, so I couldn't afford to be tired. *There's got to be an easier way*, I thought as I crawled back into bed.

Then I had an idea. I was so excited I got up and began scribbling designs. When Glenn's alarm went off at 6am, I stuck my picture under his nose.

'Look at this!' I said. 'It's a waterproof sheet we can put under Mia while she sleeps. If she wets herself

I just have to replace it, rather than stripping the bed!'

'Great, love,' he said, rolling over to snooze. But as the days passed and my idea developed he was as keen as me.

I took the kids to a local fabric store and bought some material covered in pictures of kittens, as well as a metre of PVC. Then I cut out flaps so I could tuck the waterproof sheet in easily.

When it was finished I showed Mia. 'This is your special sheet,' I said. 'If you have an accident it will be easy for Mummy to fix.'

'I love it,' she said when I tucked her into bed that night.

A few hours later I was roused by a familiar cry, but

this time, I just took out the waterproof sheet, popped on new pyjamas and the two of us went straight back to sleep.

The next week I told some of the other mums at play centre about the sheet.

'I'd like one too,' my friend Rebecca said. Before I knew it I'd dozens of orders from friends.

'I think I should do this as a business,' I told Glenn.

He agreed, and I called my designs Brolly Sheets.

I've had Brolly Sheets for more than three years now and we're turning over 1000 orders a month. I'm still amazed that changing my daughter's soiled sheets has changed my life in so many ways. ■

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Mia and Lewis loved my idea

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