

Every morning, Nick Scott and his girlfriend, Jessica, experienced the same routine. They woke up, shared a pot of coffee, and caught up on the morning news before getting ready to start their day. It seemed like a peaceful morning, if not for the near-daily argument the couple encountered while watching TV.

“Jess, we can’t afford to keep spending over twenty dollars a week on toilet paper. Is there a different brand you can use?” Nick groaned as he saw Jessica’s eyebrow twitch in aggravation.

“No, Nick,” She snapped, “I’ve tried multiple brands, and they all make my skin itchy and bumpy! You try having an itch you can’t scratch all afternoon for days on end, and let me know how you feel.”

“All I’m asking is for you to try a different, less expensive brand. The dent in my bank account with thank you later,” Nick muttered, grabbing his coffee mug and heading toward their bedroom to prepare for a full day of work.

Jessica had tried over ten different toilet paper brands, and only one she could barely tolerate using. Due to the paper’s nature being made with hypoallergenic materials and designed for skin sensitive as hers, Nick’s finances took a brunt hit every errand trip. He felt awful every time he brought it to Jessica’s attention, but the couple spent much more than necessary on just toilet paper.

“Nick, look at all these red bumps!” Jessica would cry after every new toilet paper trial. It was another brand to add to the list of unsuccessful endeavors.

Every time she would show Nick her broken out skin, he would add it to the growing list of brands, her allergies could not tolerate. He hated seeing her so uncomfortable in her skin, but he also knew this habit of spending more than twenty dollars a week on small packs of toilet paper with even smaller rolls would only add to their problem. They were both reaching their breaking point; Jessica, with her allergies, and Nick watching his bank account lessen with each transaction for overpriced toilet paper.

While at work and verbalizing his concerns for his girlfriend’s costly habit, a co-worker of Nick’s offered up a simple solution for the couples’ constant dispute.

“Try installing a bidet. There is no toilet paper involved, and it’s more hygienic, which should help with Jessica’s allergic reactions. I used one in Europe, and it wasn’t a bad experience. I heard [brand name] is pretty inexpensive and works well,” His co-worker suggested.

Before Jessica could arrive home from work, Nick made sure the bidet was installed correctly on their shared toilet. He admired his handiwork while hearing their front door open, and Jessica let herself into the home. He quickly showed her their newly improved bathroom, and the pair agreed to give it a trial run.

A couple of weeks passed, and the couples' routine was the same as usual, with one small change. The two still woke up and shared a pot of coffee while watching the morning news. The only difference, their mornings no longer included arguments over Jessica's expensive toilet paper, and Nick stopped apologizing to his bank account.