



# Double the joy!

Cork-based couple Vesela and Inigo Moleres were “super lucky” to get pregnant the first time they tried IVF – here they introduce their twin girls, Olivia and Sophia

A Cork-based couple have told of their joy after IVF helped them to achieve their dream of having kids – and they now have gorgeous 10-month-old identical twin girls.

Vesela and Inigo Moleres struggled to conceive for more than three years before they made a joint decision to try in-vitro fertilisation. “From the beginning of our relationship, one of the things that we had in common was that we wanted to have a family,” Inigo told RSVP Magazine.

“We really thought we were going to have a child naturally, we always expected that to be the way. But we tried so many times and it wasn’t happening.”

After carrying out some research, they booked a consultation at the Waterstone Clinic in Cork. “I know some people find IVF difficult or overwhelming, but we had a positive experience,” Vesela said. “From the moment the process started with the Waterstone Clinic, we were treated so well. We expected it to be much more challenging than it was.”

The couple underwent some scans and tests to make sure that IVF was a suitable road for them, before being put on a treatment plan. “There was a consultant who explained pretty much

everything. They even drew us a picture!” Vesela laughed.

“There was a schedule that we had to go by, and at first it looked daunting but it was actually divided up into different stages, and we had the nurses calling us to follow up and check it was all going well. We were also going into the clinic at the same time every week or every second week, and if we’d any questions we could ask them.”

Vesela, who is from Bulgaria, and Inigo, who is from Spain, said they were “super lucky” that Vesela got pregnant on the first try. “We had planned to freeze some embryos to try again, but it turned out that only one viable embryo developed, so we only had one chance to get pregnant in the first cycle,” she explained. “We were so delighted that it was a successful first cycle for us! That embryo split in two and that’s how we have identical twins. We are so, so happy with our girls, Olivia and Sofia.

It can definitely be tough at times because it’s double the trouble, but the joy they bring is incredible. They have such different personalities. One wakes up with a smile, the other wakes up crying. One is very quiet, and one is very lively, needs all of our attention.”

The new mum, who is a manager for an American online retail company, just returned

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from maternity leave two weeks ago. “I’ll be honest, one of the most difficult things has been going back to work,” she said. “But we are getting used to it now.”

Inigo, who works for an American video game

company, added: “We have been fortunate to be able to work from home, and both of our companies have been very accommodating with our situation.”

The couple said that in a way, the pandemic came at a good time in their lives because it gave them the opportunity to really bond with their daughters. However Vesela added: “One disappointing thing is that we had planned to spend some time in Spain and some in Bulgaria during my maternity leave, but that was obviously cancelled.

“For now we are not planning to travel, we don’t feel 100% comfortable exposing ourselves or the kids to the virus. It’s important that everyone is healthy and hopefully next year we will be reunited.”

Vesela and Inigo say they would love to have more children in the future and would be open to trying IVF again. “We are thinking in a few years we might go through a second cycle and hopefully it will be as successful,” Vesela said.

IVF has a reputation for being expensive, is that a concern for them? “It was about €5,000. It was worth it and I don’t think that’s so expensive that it would put us off trying again,” admitted Inigo.

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