

BabyBabue



Infant Carrier

Carrier Safety Information
& Instruction Manual

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A little about BabueBaby....

Growing up in Zimbabwe, using a carrier to hold a baby was a very basic skill that was taught at a young age. As a child, I carried my nieces and nephews. There was so much support and ritual surrounding the many stages of family life; it was so enriching to grow up in a community-centered culture.



When I had my own children while living in Canada I found myself straddling the culture I grew up in and the culture around me. I tried various carriers, but none of them were exactly what I wanted. Instead of completely accepting one culture and rejecting another, I set to work designing a hybrid carrier that would be a positive intersection of the two.

I drew on both my professional background as an Occupational Therapist and the rich heritage of babywearing found in Africa. Now in launching the BabyBabue Infant Carrier, we have the immense privilege of providing families with a way to *all* pursue daily life and adventures together, without short term or long term pain. Sourcing our fabrics directly from Africa, and employing local seamstresses here in Canada, we get to empower skilled workers from both of my homes!

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for letting us be part of your parenting journey!

-Busi Musiiwa

Founder/CEO BabyBabue Carriers

IMPORTANT

Safety Information

Read all instructions before assembling and using this soft structured carrier. Keep instructions for future use.

Check for ripped seams, torn straps or fabric, and damaged hardware before each use. If found, stop using carrier. Always ensure that all knots, buckles, snaps, straps, and adjustments are secure. Ensure that baby is safely positioned in the carrier according to these instructions for use. Never leave a baby in a carrier that is not being worn.

Check baby frequently. Ensure that baby is periodically repositioned as movements cause shifting over time.

Premature infants, infants with respiratory problems, and infants under 4 months are at greater risk of suffocation. Never place more than one baby in the carrier. Never use/wear more than one carrier at a time.

Do not use the carrier if it is damaged in any way.

No type of carrier should be used by an adult with any condition that might interfere with the safe use of the product. Never use a carrier when balance or mobility is impaired because of exercise, drowsiness, medications, alcohol or drugs. In addition, balance and reflexes can be impaired due to lack of sleep or pain. Please responsibly assess if you are in a state to safely use this carrier as designed. This carrier is not suitable for use while lying down or during sporting activities e.g. running, cycling, swimming, and skiing. Never use a soft structured carrier while engaging in activities such as cooking or cleaning which involve a heat source or exposure to chemicals. Never wear a soft structured carrier while driving or as a passenger in a motor vehicle.

Back carries are for babies with well developed & consistent neck strength who are able to “tripod” sit. Due to the extra support and stability provided by the patented Torso Strap, baby does not need to be capable of sitting independently before being carried on the back.

Always make sure to monitor and protect baby's airways.

This carrier is designed for babies who weigh 8-45lbs.

WARNING

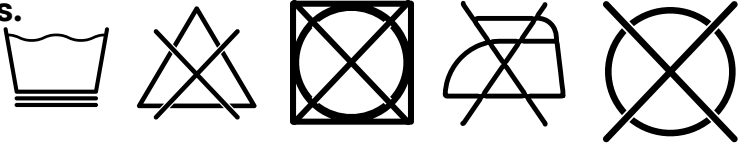
FALL AND SUFFOCATION HAZARD

FALL HAZARD: Infants can fall through a wide leg opening or out of carrier.

- **Adjust leg openings to fit baby's legs snugly.**
- **Before each use, make sure all fasteners are secure.**
- **Take special care when leaning or walking.**
- **Never bend at waist; bend at knees.**
- **Only use this carrier for children between 8lb and 45lb.**

SUFFOCATION HAZARD: Infants under 4 months can suffocate in this product if the face is pressed tight against your body.

- **Do not strap baby too tight against your body.**
- **Allow room for head movement.**
- **Keep infant's face free from obstructions at all times.**



Maintenance & Cleaning
Spot clean. Dry flat.
Machine wash, delicate.
Do not bleach. Do not
tumble dry. Do not dry
clean. Do not iron.

KEEP AWAY FROM FIRE

Color Fabric 100% Cotton
4-way Stretch Fabric 100% Lycra
Polyethylene Foam &
Polyurethane Foam
Made in Canada

BabyBabue Infant Carrier



An Overview

We're pretty big fans of this carrier, and here's a few things to know before you get started!

Torso Strap

Our patented Torso Strap distributes weight away from the shoulders and more evenly over your torso. It can be positioned above or under the bust; whatever is most comfortable for your torso shape and length!

Back Carry Checklist

Back carries are for babies with well developed and consistent neck strength who are able to “tripod” sit. Due to the extra support and stability provided by the patented Torso Strap, baby does not need to be sitting independently before being carried on the back. The Back Carry position is generally safe when the adult using this carrier feels confident in being able to safely load and unload baby from the back, and monitor baby's airways while on the wearer's back. Please discuss any unique or specific medical concerns with a trusted professional.

Don't Learn Well with Booklets?

We've got you covered! Scan the QR code in this instruction manual to find our library of video tutorials!

Mbereko Straps

Our long shoulder straps come from the Mbereko, an African style of carrier!

Breastfeeding + Babywearing

We encourage mothers to master the skills of breastfeeding and babywearing separately before attempting to combine these individual skills into a more advanced crossover skill. Should you need to lower the carrier waistband to breastfeed, always make sure baby's airways remain unobstructed.

Constantly monitor baby and only keep baby in an upright position low on your torso while baby is actively nursing. If baby is no longer actively nursing, reposition immediately. To avoid clogging milk ducts, be mindful of strap placement and pressure on/near breast tissue.

Front Carry



Position waistband on the torso so that baby's head will be at a kissable height. This will vary depending on the size of baby and the body of the adult using the carrier.



With the torso support strap loosened, buckle the strap behind your back.



Bring your baby to your body, lowering baby into the panel, so that baby is against your chest. Check that baby's legs are below the Torso Strap



Tip: pull directly upwards on the top of the panel to ensure fabric is not bunched under baby



Bring the shoulder straps up, over the shoulders, and cross over the back. Tuck the ends loosely into the waistband.



Tighten the torso support strap so that baby is comfortably secure against your body. You and baby should be able to move as one unit while using the carrier.

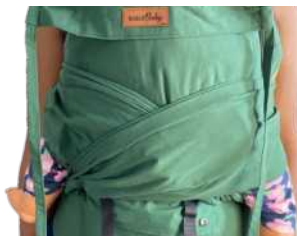
Tighten the shoulder straps across your back, starting with the strap closest to your body.



Bring straps to the front of carrier and arrange one of two ways:

Mbereko Style
pass the straps **under** baby's legs, cross in front, and bring straps back under baby's legs.

Meh Dai Style
Pass the straps **over** baby's legs, cross in front, and bring straps back under baby's legs.



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Tie off with a double knot in back.

Note: for carriers with the half wrap width straps, the fabric can be spread for additional support.

Hip Carry



Position waistband on your body so that the panel is off center or on your hip (depending on baby's size and your comfort!)



Buckle Torso Strap loosely to your body



Bring your baby to your body, lowering baby into the panel. Check that baby's legs are below the Torso Strap.



Tip: pull directly upwards on the top of the panel to ensure fabric is not bunched under baby



Tighten Torso Strap.



Bring the shoulder strap closest to your side up, under your arm, across your back, and up over your shoulder.



Guide the other shoulder strap over your shoulder, across your back, and down towards the waistband.



Holding one strap in each hand, cross the straps over baby's bum, under the legs.



Tie off with a double knot in back.



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Back Carry

Hipscoot Method



Place waistband with panel over one hip, loose enough to shift side to side.



Loosely buckle Torso Strap. Tuck shoulder straps into waistband to remove tripping hazards if needed.



Bring baby to your hip



Pull panel up baby's back



Bring shoulder strap closest to your back up, over your shoulder. Hold opposite strap in the same hand.



Use your free hand to scoot baby and carrier together around your hip and towards your back.



With a flat back, lean forward as you bring baby completely on to your back.



Slip your free arm under the corresponding shoulder strap.



Pull shoulder straps vertically to ensure no fabric is bunched under baby.

Pin straps between your knees and fully tighten the waistband and Torso Strap.

Shoulder straps can be arranged in a variety of ways! Here are two options:

Ruck Straps

Crossed Straps



Bring shoulder straps over the shoulders and back, crossing over baby's bum and guiding the straps forward under baby's legs.

Tie off with a double knot in front.

Cross the shoulder straps over your chest and bring towards your back, crossing over baby's bum and guiding the straps forward under baby's legs.

Tie off with a double knot in front.



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Back Carry

Assisted Loading



Position waistband with panel centered across the back

With a flat back, lean forward.



Assisting adult brings baby to the user's back, pulling the panel over baby's back.



Buckle the Torso Strap



Stand up straight, and using the shoulder straps, pull vertically to ensure no fabric is bunched under baby.

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THANK YOU!



Dear Supporter,

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! It is an joy to bring you this carrier and be part of your parenting journey.

At BabueBaby, we understand that sometimes instruction booklets and tutorials aren't enough. That's why we offer free, unlimited fit checks to our customers. As baby grows and you try all our carrying positions, email us at info@babuebaby.com to schedule a virtual fit check!

-Team Babue



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