Gather™

Practical Wrap & Buckle Carrier
Owners Manual Instructions

This box contains: 1 - Carrier
Patterns may vary.

8lbs - 40lbs (3.6kgs - 18.2kgs)

IMPORTANT!
KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.
Read all instructions before assembling and using your carrier. Failure to follow each instruction can result in serious injury or death to your baby. Keep instructions and review them before attempting new carrying positions.

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for:
- Instructional videos
- Step-by-step manual
- More product information

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 babies between 8 lbs (3.6 kgs) and 40 lbs (18.2 kgs).

SUFFOCATION HAZARD - Infants under 4 months can suffocate in this product if face is pressed tight against your body.
• Do not strap infant too tight against your body.
• Allow room for head movement.
• Keep infant’s face free from obstructions at all times.

WARNING
• Follow instructions for use. When fastening the carrier, keep one hand on baby at all times.
• This carrier is NOT intended to be used for Baby Facing Out position.
• Baby must be able to sit up on his or her own before being worn in the Back Carry position to avoid possible back or neck injury.
• Premature infants, infants with respiratory problems, and infants under 4 months are at greatest risk of suffocation.
• Baby’s face should always be visible and free from obstructions.
• Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid any potential hazards or obstructions when putting baby in the carrier and when removing baby from the carrier.
• NEVER use a soft carrier when balance or mobility is impaired because of exercise, sporting activities, drowsiness, or medical conditions. It is intended for use by adults while walking or standing only.
• Your balance may be adversely affected by your movement and that of your baby.
• NEVER use a soft carrier while driving or being a passenger in a motor vehicle. DO NOT use this carrier as a child restraint in a motor vehicle. This type of carrier will not properly restrain your baby in the event of a crash.
• NEVER leave baby unattended in this carrier.
• ALWAYS check to ensure that all buckles, snaps, straps, and adjustments are secure before each use. Make sure baby is properly placed in the carrier, including leg placement, before each use.
• This product is subject to wear and tear over time. Check for ripped seams, torn straps or fabric and damaged fasteners before each use.
• DO NOT use this product if deterioration or problems are detected.
• NEVER lean against baby.
• NEVER place more than one child in this carrier.
• DO NOT wear more than one carrier at a time, ever.
• DO NOT use in showers, pools, or any water environments.
For Safe and Secure Carrying:
If you are new to babywearing or are using a new carrier style, there are definitely some things you need to know before placing your baby in the carrier. Here are some important Dos and Don'ts for proper use of your carrier. Please be sure to review this manual in its entirety for all safety information.

• Practice before you start. Be sure to try out your carrier before you put baby in the first time.
• Check regularly that baby’s chin is positioned upwardly and never pressed into his/her chest.
• Don’t overdress your baby. Your closeness and body heat along with the carrier fabric will help to keep them warm.
• TIP: Small children have poor temperature regulation, so check baby’s abdomen, forehead, and neck frequently.
• Check your baby’s legs often to make sure they are warm and blood circulates freely. Should the calves and feet appear to be a slightly different color, shift baby in the carrier.

Helpful Hints:
The Gather™ Practical Wrap & Buckle Carrier is designed for greater comfort for both you and your child. The strap system distributes baby’s weight to make carrying more comfortable for you and baby, letting baby ride in a natural seated position.

• **Facing-In Position - Baby Facing Toward You** - Until your child is able to hold his/her head upright, this is the correct position. It affords your baby lots of close physical contact and attention, while leaving your hands free. In this position, you can entertain and bond with your newborn by talking, touching, playing or just making eye-contact.

• **Back Carry Position - Child Facing Towards You** - When your little one can fully sit up on their own, putting them on your back allows you to carry the child comfortably for longer periods of time. In this position your baby is free to check out what is going on around them and still know that you are right there.

What seat position should I use?

• **For Facing-In Position**, smaller babies, 8 lbs to 15 lbs (3.6 kgs to 6.8 kgs), use the gathered seat. Larger babies and children use the expanded seat. The expanded seat allows a larger child to ride in a comfortable seated position with their legs wrapping around you.

• **For Back Carry Assisted Position**, always use the expanded seat.

How do I know if my baby is at the right height when carrier is worn in the front? You should be able to tilt forward slightly and kiss the top of your child’s head.

• When placing your baby in or taking them out of the carrier, sitting down will make the procedure easier. Until you are familiar with the placement of baby, it is also recommended to do so over a soft surface.

• It is best to limit the use of your carrier to 10-20 minutes until you and your baby are both completely comfortable in it together.

• Wearing the carrier closer to your body and higher up on your back (or chest when worn in the front position) will minimize stress to your back and shoulders from prolonged use.

Care Instructions:
Machine wash cold, separately, on gentle cycle with mild detergent. DO NOT bleach. Wipe clean with cloth or sponge between machine washings. Drip dry. DO NOT iron. Do not dry clean.
Carrier Body Front:
Refer to these parts when reading the instructions.

Carrier Body Back:

1. **Carrier use for an Infant: Facing-In Position with Gathered Seat**

   This position is for babies 8 lbs to 15 lbs (3.6 kgs to 6.8 kgs).

   - Baby MUST be carried in the Facing-In position until baby is able to sit up on his or her own.
   - We recommend having another adult assist you if this is your first time using this type of carrier.
   - When using this carrier in the Facing-In position, you should fit it to the user before placing the baby in the carrier.
   - Support baby securely throughout the process of putting baby in the carrier, until all the buckles and straps are properly fastened and adjusted.
   - Take extra care when fastening buckles. You will hear a ‘click’ when properly secured.
   - Your baby should always be comfortable. If your baby is fussy it could be an indication that he or she is not properly positioned. If this occurs, take your baby out immediately and adjust.
   - This carrier is not intended for use in the Facing-Out position.
   - NOTE: The carrier parts in bold can be found on the carrier illustrations.

2. Adjust the carrier to the Gathered Seat position. Push both sides of the **Adjustable Seat** inward, towards the center of the **Waist Belt**, gathering the fabric at the bottom of the **Carrier Body**.

3. Fasten the **Head Support Loops** around the **Upper Buttons**. There are two button holes on each **Head Support Loop**. For sleeping babies or babies without head control, use the **Inner Button Hole**. For larger babies with head control, use the **Outer Button Hole**.

4. Hold the carrier upside down by the **Waist Belt**, with the pattern side of the **Carrier Body** facing your body and the **Shoulder Straps** hanging down.
4. Place the Waist Belt flat against your body at your natural waist (where your belly button is), making sure the two purple labels are against your body. Fasten the Waist Belt Buckle behind your back, and pull the Webbing until the Waist Belt is snug on your body.

* IMPORTANT! Always make sure the waist belt fits securely against your body at all times. There should NOT be a gap between the waist belt and your body.

5. Once the Waist Belt is fastened, lift baby up facing towards you, and place him or her against your chest.

* ALWAYS keep a supportive hand on baby - either yours or that of a partner assisting you while you place baby in the carrier.

6. Keeping one hand on baby, pull the Carrier Body up over baby’s back. Baby’s legs should be outside of the carrier. Baby’s bottom should be centered and resting at the base of the carrier pocket. Place the Shoulder Straps over your shoulders.

* Make sure baby is securely supported throughout the buckling process. Baby is not secure until all the buckles and straps are properly fastened and adjusted.

7. Fasten the Shoulder Straps: While holding baby securely with your right hand, use your left hand to reach behind your back and grab the Shoulder Strap from the opposite side of your body. Bring the strap across your back, and fasten the Side Closure Buckle on your left side. Repeat with the other Shoulder Strap. This will create an “X” on your back. Make sure the straps do not become twisted.

NOTE: If you prefer to start with your left arm supporting baby, simply swap right for left, and vice versa, in these instructions.

8. To adjust how high the baby rides on your chest, lift the baby slightly and pull the Shoulder Strap Adjuster, first on one strap, then on the other. The Shoulder Strap Adjusters should be equal lengths after adjusting. When the baby is properly positioned you should be able to tilt your head forward and kiss the top of your baby’s head.

* IMPORTANT: Always make sure baby’s face, nose, and mouth are not obstructed. Check your baby’s position regularly. Your baby should be centered in the carrier in a seated position with arms and legs extended and not constricted by the carrier. It is extremely important to avoid any slouching in baby’s position. A slouching position can restrict baby’s airways. Baby’s head should be upright or resting on your chest with the face, nose, and mouth positioned to the left or right. Baby’s chin should never rest on baby’s chest. This can result in closing or partially closing baby’s airway.
Head Support Adjustment

If your baby can fully hold his or her head upright on their own, you can lower the Head Support. IMPORTANT: Your baby MUST have sufficient head control before you lower the Head Support, or be small enough to have their head fully supported with it folded down. If the carrier reaches the tops of baby’s ears with the Head Support down, your baby has adequate support in that position.

1. Unfasten the Upper Buttons on both sides, and fold down the Head Support in front of you. Secure the Head Support to the carrier body by fastening the Head Support Loops to the Lower Buttons. Use the Inner Button Hole on the Head Support Loop.

If your baby can fully hold his or her head upright on their own, you can lower the Head Support.

IMPORTANT:
Your baby MUST have sufficient head control before you lower the Head Support, or be small enough to have their head fully supported with it folded down. If the carrier reaches the tops of baby’s ears with the Head Support down, your baby has adequate support in that position.

Removing Baby from the Carrier:
Facing-in Position

* NEVER unbuckle the Waist Belt while your baby is in the carrier.
* IMPORTANT! Make sure one arm is securely supporting baby throughout the process of removing baby from the carrier.
* ALWAYS support baby’s head in an upright position throughout the process of removing baby from the carrier.
* Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid any potential hazards or obstructions when removing baby from the carrier.

1. Keeping one hand securely on your baby, release one Side Closure Buckle.
2. Put one hand on your baby inside the carrier, holding him/her to your chest and release the Side Closure Buckle on the other side of the carrier. With your free hand, remove both Shoulder Straps from your shoulders.
3. With both hands, lift your baby and place him/her down in a safe, secure location.
4. Unbuckle the Waist Belt and remove the carrier.

Carrier use for an Older Baby:
Facing-In Position with Expanded Seat

This position is for babies 15 lbs to 40 lbs (6.8 kgs to 18.2 kgs).

1. Adjust the carrier seat to the Expanded Seat position. Pull both sides of the Adjustable Seat outward, along the Waist Belt, spreading the fabric evenly at the bottom of the Carrier Body.

2. Fasten the Head Support Loops around the Upper Buttons. There are two button holes on each Head Support Loop. For sleeping babies or babies without head control, use the Inner Button Hole. For larger babies with head control, use the Outer Button Hole.

3. Hold the carrier upside down by the Waist Belt, with the pattern side of the Carrier Body facing your body and the Shoulder Straps hanging down.
4. Place the Waist Belt flat against your body at your natural waist (where your belly button is), making sure the two purple labels are against your body. Fasten the Waist Belt Buckle behind your back, and pull the Webbing until the Waist Belt is snug on your body.  
* IMPORTANT! Always make sure the waist belt fits securely against your body at all times. There should NOT be a gap between the Waist Belt and your body.

5. Once the Waist Belt is fastened, lift baby up facing towards you, and place him or her against your chest.  
* ALWAYS keep a supportive hand on baby - either yours or that of a partner assisting you while you place baby in the carrier.

6. Keeping one hand on baby, pull the Carrier Body up over baby’s back. Baby’s legs should be outside of the carrier. Baby’s bottom should be centered and resting at the base of the carrier pocket. Place the Shoulder Straps over your shoulders.  
* Make sure baby is securely supported throughout the buckling process. Baby is not secure until all the buckles and straps are properly fastened and adjusted.

7. Fasten the Shoulder Straps: While holding baby securely with your right hand, use your left hand to reach behind your back and grab the Shoulder Strap from the opposite side of your body. Bring the strap across your back, and fasten the Side Closure Buckle on your left side. Repeat with the other Shoulder Strap. This will create an “X” on your back. Make sure the straps do not become twisted.

NOTE: If you prefer to start with your left arm supporting baby, simply swap right for left, and vice versa, in these instructions.

8. To adjust how high the baby rides on your chest, lift the baby slightly and pull the Shoulder Strap Adjuster, first on one strap, then on the other. The Shoulder Strap Adjusters should be equal lengths after adjusting. When the baby is properly positioned you should be able to tilt your head forward and kiss the top of your baby’s head.  
*IMPORTANT: Always make sure baby’s face, nose, and mouth are not obstructed. Check your baby’s position regularly. Your baby should be centered in the carrier in a seated position with arms and legs extended and not constricted by the carrier. It is extremely important to avoid any slouching in baby’s position. A slouching position can restrict baby’s airways. Baby’s head should be upright or resting on your chest with the face, nose, and mouth positioned to the left or right. Baby’s chin should never rest on baby’s chest. This can result in closing or partially closing baby’s airway.

Head Support Adjustment  
If your baby can fully hold his or her head upright on their own, you can lower the Head Support. IMPORTANT: Your baby MUST have sufficient head control before you lower the Head Support, or be small enough to have their head fully supported with it folded down. If the carrier reaches the tops of baby’s ears with the Head Support down, your baby has adequate support in that position.

1. Unfasten the Upper Buttons on both sides, and fold down the Head Support in front of you. Secure the Head Support to the carrier body by fastening the Head Support Loops to the Lower Buttons. Use the Inner Button Hole on the Head Support Loop.

2. Baby does not have head control, baby is sleeping, or child is in back carry position.  
* Baby can hold their head upright on their own, or for babies without head control, Head Support reaches the top of baby's ears or above.

Removing Baby from the Carrier: Facing-in Position

* NEVER unbucket the Waist Belt while your baby is in the carrier.  
* IMPORTANT! Make sure one arm is securely supporting baby throughout the process of removing baby from the carrier.  
* ALWAYS support baby’s head in an upright position throughout the process of removing baby from the carrier.  
* Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid any potential hazards or obstructions when removing baby from the carrier.

1. Keeping one hand securely on your baby, release one Side Closure Buckle.

2. Put one hand on your baby inside the carrier, holding him/her to your chest and release the Side Closure Buckle on the other side of the carrier. With your free hand, remove both Shoulder Straps from your shoulders.

3. With both hands, lift your baby and place him/her down in a safe, secure location.

4. Unbuckle the Waist Belt and remove the carrier.
**Carrier Use for an Older Baby: Back Carry Position with Expanded Seat - Assisted**

Once your baby is fully able to sit up on their own, your child is ready for the Back Carry Position.

1. Adjust the carrier seat to the Expanded Seat position. Pull both sides of the Adjustable Seat outward, along the Waist Belt, spreading the fabric evenly at the bottom of the Carrier Body.

2. Fasten the Head Support Loops around the Upper Buttons. There are two button holes on each Head Support Loop. For Back Carry, use the Outer Button Holes.

3. Hold the carrier upside down by the Waist Belt, with the pattern side of the Carrier Body facing your body. Carrier Body is behind you and the Shoulder Straps are hanging down.

4. Place the Waist Belt at your natural waist (at your belly button), making sure the two purple labels are against your body. With the carrier hanging in back of you, fasten the Waist Belt Buckle. Tighten the Waist Belt by pulling on the Webbing. The Waist Belt should fit firmly against your body.

5. Once the Waist Belt is properly fitted, lean forward slightly and have your partner lift baby up and place them on your back. Their legs should wrap around your waist.

6. With your hands supporting baby, have your partner pull the Carrier Body over baby’s back. While your partner supports baby, pull the Shoulder Straps over your shoulders and stand up straight. Baby’s legs should be outside of the carrier. Baby’s bottom should be centered and resting at the base of the carrier pocket. Have your partner adjust baby if he or she is not centered properly.

7. While your partner continues to support baby, pull the Shoulder Straps forward and criss cross them in front of you. Make sure the straps are positioned comfortably on your chest and are not twisted.

**IMPORTANT!** The baby MUST be able to fully sit up on his or her own before being worn in the Back Carry position.

**IMPORTANT!** Always ensure that the Waist Belt fits securely against your body at all times without creating a gap.

**STOP!** First time users, DO NOT attempt to use the carrier in the Back Carry position without the assistance of a second adult. We highly recommend always using the assistance of a second adult.

* Your baby should always be comfortable. If your baby is fussy it could be an indication that he or she is not properly positioned. If this occurs, take your baby out immediately and adjust.

* NOTE: The carrier parts in **bold** can be found on the carrier illustrations.
Removing Baby from the Carrier: Back Carry Position - Assisted

* NEVER unbuckle the Waist Belt while your baby is in the carrier.
* IMPORTANT! Make sure one arm is securely supporting baby throughout the process of removing baby from the carrier.
* ALWAYS support baby’s head in an upright position throughout the process of removing baby from the carrier.
* Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid any potential hazards or obstructions when removing baby from the carrier.

1. For removal with assistance, have your partner support the child while you release the Side Closure Buckles and remove both Shoulder Straps from your shoulders.

2. Your partner can now lift the child from the carrier.

3. Unbuckle the Waist Belt and remove the carrier.

Removing Baby from the Carrier: Back Carry Position - Unassisted

1. To remove baby yourself, sit down slowly and carefully in a secure corner seat such as a sofa.
   *IMPORTANT! DO NOT lean against baby. ALWAYS make sure there is enough room around your baby’s face to provide a clear source of air.

2. With one hand supporting baby, release one Side Closure Buckle, and then the other. Slowly lower baby off of your back and into the secure corner. Remove both Shoulder Straps from your shoulders.

3. Carefully release the Waist Belt Buckle and remove baby from the carrier.