



Baby Carrier Comparison Grid

BRAND	Carrying Positions*					ORGANIC OPTIONS	AGE/WEIGHT RANGE	COST	SIZES AVAILABLE	SPECIAL FEATURES
	CRADLE CARRY	TUMMY TO TUMMY	FACING OUT	HIP CARRY	BACK CARRY					
<i>BASIC POUCH</i>										
Hotslings	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	Up to 35 lbs.	\$48-\$150	Petite - 3X+	Variety of collections including organic, reversible, designer and haute; instructions on site or DVD; leg padding for comfort during hip carry position; doll-sized slings available for siblings.
New Native	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Up to 35 lbs.	\$54-\$160	S-XL	Variety of colors, fabrics and designs; instructional DVD included; doll-sized slings available for siblings; additional infant support pillow available.
Peanut Shell, The	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Up to 36 lbs.	\$48-\$69	XS-XL	Available in a variety of colors, fabrics and designs; slings are formaldehyde-free; instructions available on website, DVD or YouTube; leg padding.
Petunia Pickle Bottom	✓	✓		✓		✓	Up to 25 lbs.	\$75-\$91	S-L	Variety of colors, fabrics, and designs; two styles: Serenity Slings (made with brocade – dry clean only) and Sojourn Slings (made with organic knit cotton).
Rockin' Baby Pouch	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Up to 40 lbs.	\$82-\$112	XS, S/M, M/L	Variety of colors, fabrics and designs; padded inside rail; pouches are reversible and adjustable to four sizes via zippers.
Sprout Pouch	✓	✓	✓	✓			Up to 35 lbs.	\$59	XS-XL	Variety of colors and designs.
Serena & Lily Market Sling	✓	✓	✓			✓	Up to 25 lbs.	\$109-\$129	S-L	Variety of colors, fabrics, and designs.
Serene Sling ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓			Up to 25 lbs.	\$139-\$149	XS-XL	Variety of colors and designs; made of flexible knit.
<i>RING SLING</i>										
Maya Wrap	✓		✓	✓		✓	Up to 35 lbs.	\$65-\$95	S-XL	Variety of colors, fabrics and designs; shoulder is lightly padded; Has a built-in pocket for holding keys or cell phone; instructional DVD included.
Rockin' Baby Sling	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	Up to 40 lbs.	\$102-\$132	XS, S/M, M/L	Available in a variety of colors, fabrics and designs; Designs are reversible; pocket for holding keys and cell phone.
Sakura Bloom	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Up to age 3	\$88-\$1,120	One Size	Available in a variety of colors, fabrics and designs; fully reversible; instructional booklet included.
SlingEZee Baby Carrier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Up to 35 lbs.	\$55-\$72	X-Petite-X-Long	Variety of colors and designs; padding in rails and in the shoulder pad; Instructions are included; doll-sized slings available for siblings.
<i>FRONT PACK/STRUCTURED CARRIER²</i>										
BabyBjorn ¹		✓	✓				Up to 25 lbs. ³	\$55-\$144	One Size	Variety of colors and styles; head support can be folded down for forward facing; length adjusts to accommodate growing baby.
Belle		✓	✓			✓	8 lbs-30 lbs.	\$90-\$100	One Size	Variety of colors and designs; adjustable straps.
ERGObaby Carrier ^{1,4}		✓		✓	✓		Up to 40 lbs. ⁵	\$105	One Size	Variety of colors and designs; zippered pocket; sleeping hood; adjustable shoulder, chest and waist straps; various add'l accessories such as the infant insert for babies up to 4- months or the back pack which snaps around the straps of the carrier.
Lascal M1 Carrier		✓	✓				Up to 30 lbs.	\$130	One Size	Variety of colors; ventilated lumbar support; head support can be folded down for forward facing; length adjusts to accommodate growing baby.
lillebaby EveryWear ⁴	✓ ⁶	✓	✓	✓	✓		Up to 43 lbs. ⁶	\$100	One Size	Variety of colors; gentle motion suspension system; zippered pocket; adjustable shoulder, chest and waist straps; hood for head protection or sleeping baby. Add'l accessories: waist extension strap, sling converter, and infant cradle & harness.
<i>DOUBLE LOOP</i>										
Baby K'tan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Preemie - 42 lbs.	\$55-\$65	XS - XL	Variety of colors, fabrics and designs; instructional manual included, or available at website.
My Baby Nest ⁷	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Preemie - 35 lbs.	\$63	SM, ML, L-XL	Variety of colors; Includes a belt with a pocket; illustrations or video instructions available at website.
<i>STRUCTURED BACK PACK</i>										
Chicco SmartSupport Backpack ⁴					✓		Up to 40 lbs.	\$88	One Size	Includes a water-resistant canopy with sun visor & zip-off rain cover; stabilizing kickstand for loading/unloading; fanny pack and cell phone case included; height adjustable seat pad.
Kelty FC 1.0					✓		Up to 50 lbs.	\$130	One Size	Includes underside storage basket for gear; pocket on waist belt; stabilizing kickstand for loading/unloading.

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<i>WRAP</i>										
Baby Pouch, The	✓	✓	✓	✓			Up to 30-35 lbs.	\$80	One Size	Variety of colors; instructional CDROM included; slings are accented by the designer's choice of decorative fabric.
MetroWrap	✓	✓	✓				Up to 38 lbs.	\$80	One Size	Variety of colors; variety of "BLING" designs available.
Moby Wrap	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	Preemie-35 lbs.	\$40-\$70	One Size	Three styles available: The Original Moby Wrap, the Moby D, and the Moby Select; instructional guide included.
Ultimate Baby Wrap, The	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Up to 35 lbs.	\$40	One Size	Instructional DVD included.
<i>ASIAN STYLE/MEI TEI CARRIERS</i>										
BabyHawk		✓		✓	✓		Up to 40 lbs.	\$80 - \$90	One Size	Variety of colors, patterns and fabrics -- or you can design your own BabyHawk at their design center.
Ellaroo Mei Tai		✓			✓		Up to 35 lbs.	\$94	One Size	Variety of colors and patterns; instructions included; doll-sized slings available for siblings.
Maya Tie		✓	✓		✓		Up to 40 lbs.	\$85	M or L	Ideal for carrying older children; has pocket for holding keys or cell phone.
<i>HIP CARRIER</i>										
PortaMEe ⁴				✓			15 to 35 lbs.	\$125	One Size	Two styles available: Classic Baby Carrier (3 colors available) & Couture Baby Carrier (made of leather and shearling); includes cell phone holder, detachable bottle holder, attached zippered wallet.

¹ Oeko-tex certified <http://www.oeko-tex.com>

² Note about forward facing carriers: Babies forward facing must have proper head and neck control. Until then, babies should be rear facing. To carry babies on your back, babies should be at least 5-6 months old and can sit independently.

³ Baby Bjorn's Synergy model holds up to 26 lbs.

⁴ JPMA certified: <http://www.jpma.org>

⁶ Must use additional infant cradle/harness (to accommodate cradle carry) for babies 7-15 pounds.

⁵ Newborns will need to use the additional Infant Insert.

⁷ CPSIA certified <http://www.cpsc.gov/ABOUT/Cpsia/cpsia.HTML>

***NOTES ABOUT CARRYING POSITIONS:**

Cradle Carry - Baby is lying down (as if being cradled) in the carrier. From birth up to 3 months.

Tummy to Tummy - Baby is facing in towards caretaker. In slings and pouches, baby's legs are folded in the carrier in a crisscross, or "buddha", position (for smaller babies), or legs are hanging out in a seated position (for older babies).

Facing Out (or 'Kangaroo Carry') - Baby is facing out into the world. In slings and pouches, baby's legs are folded in a crisscross (or "buddha") position.

Hip Carry - Baby is resting on caretaker's hip, with legs out and around caretaker. For babies with solid head control.

Back Carry - Baby is carried on the back. Best for older babies 5 months and older.

For safety and proper usage, always read the manufacturer's instructions before using.

These findings are accurate as of 3/18/09. Check thecradle.com for updated versions of this chart.

