

What Kind of Carrier Do I Need?

MaMaBear BabyWear currently makes two types of carriers: “Wrap Style” and “Sling Style”.

I hope to be offering Ring Slings and Mei Tais soon.

CARRIER STYLE	PROS	CONS
<p>Wrap Style Can be stretchy or woven materials. Stretchies tend to be more comfortable and can be pretied while wovens support more weight better and must be tied each time.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ? VERY Comfortable ? Best for Carrying for Hours at a time ? Very Flexible (6-8 different ways to use), most versatile of all carriers ? Large Weight Range (Preemie to 36 lbs) ? Can be used for things other than as a carrier (blanket, toddler “leash”, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ? VERY Long, may be difficult to put on without ends touching ground ? More expensive because of amount of fabric ? Fairly complex directions for wearing
<p>Sling Style “Native” carriers or “Pouch” slings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ? VERY Easy to put on and take off ? Several ways to use ? Easy to transport ? Good Weight Range (Newborn to 22 lbs or more) ? Can be used as a baby blanket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ? May not be comfortable for extended use ? Some small babies and preemies may be “scrunched” in a reclining position ? Same sling may not fit dad and mom or larger person and smaller person
<p>Ring Style “Mayan” or “Rebozo” Slings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ? Combines the benefits of a sling style carrier with some of the flexibility of a wrap style ? Can be adjusted easily for size/weight of baby ? Good weight range (newborn to 36 lbs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ? May not be as comfortable for extended use ? Fabric bunches slightly at rings and may be uncomfortable for smaller-built wearers
<p>Mei Tai Traditional Oriental Style Carriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ? Quite comfortable, even for extended use ? Simpler to use than a wrap style ? Can be made from a wider range of more attractive fabrics ? Two Weight Ranges covering Newborn to 22 lbs or more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ? Fabric cannot be “stretchy” so it may not be as comfortable as other carriers ? Two different sizes may be required for smaller and larger babies