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Welcome to the flock!

We're so glad you're here!

We know you're excited to get started, but first, let's make sure you're totally confident and comfortable. Please take a moment to read through this booklet and watch the video tutorials on our website (wildbird.co), so you can be sure baby is cozy and safe in the sling. When your little bird is happy, you'll be happy too!

Having trouble? Our amazing educators would love to talk you through it one-to-one. Send us an email at hello@wildbird.co, and we can help.

Happy wearing!

- WB

Safety

Nothing is more important to us than the safety of you and your baby. Please take time to read and implement these instructions every time you babywear.

Before putting baby in the sling, quickly check over the fabric and seams for any unusual wear and tear. If you spot anything that worries you, put the sling aside and contact us at hello@wildbird.co. We're always happy to offer help and advice.

New to this whole Ring Sling thing? Our tutorials at wildbird.co are the best place to start.

Don't forget to practice placing and adjusting the sling, and lifting baby in and out. It's totally normal to need a few laps around the house before you and your baby are ring sling pros. You'll find it becomes second nature in no time – you've got this!

**“ I will carry
you always. ”**

- UNKNOWN (But likely someone wise)

Care

Wash your sling either by hand, or machine wash on a gentle cycle in cool water. Unthread the sling before washing. We recommend liquid detergent without optical brighteners. Hang or lay flat to dry. Linen naturally wrinkles when washed and dried. The sling may be ironed if desired. When not in use, store your sling loosely rolled or folded, away from direct sunlight.

For more care info, visit us at wildbird.co.





Tummy to tummy carry

You're ready to wear baby! This is our most popular carry and can be used for newborns to toddlers. For newborns, you can use this carry with feet tucked in or out. For video tutorials on this and other carries visit wildbird.co.

1.



2.



Drape your sling over either shoulder, with the rings just above your chest. Keeping the fabric flat, fan it diagonally across your back and under the opposite arm. Grab the tail of the fabric and, starting at one of the corners, fold the end vertically like an accordion. Pull the tail up and through both rings.

Separate the two rings, and pull the fabric over the top ring and under the bottom ring. Make sure the fabric is evenly spread through the rings, and that the seams are on the edges. Adjust the sling's fit with the tail. (Different parts of the tail will tighten different parts of the sling.) Create a J-shaped pouch, with just enough room for your baby.

3.



Rings should be high on the shoulder.

5.



Put baby's body through the fabric, holding your baby with one arm and controlling the fabric with the other.

7.



Tighten the sling to make it secure, using different parts of the tail to adjust the different parts of the sling. Pull any slack in the fabric from behind your back over to the rings before tightening. Lifting baby's bottom slightly as you adjust will help the fabric move through the rings. Pull the tail at an angle across baby's body to prevent fabric twists in the rings.

4.



Place your baby's tummy high on the shoulder opposite the rings. Reach under the fabric and cup both feet.

6.



Seat your baby in the sling, pulling the bottom seam up into their kneepits. Baby should have a nice deep seat, as though sitting in a hammock, with their knees higher than their bottom.

8.



Baby is safely in the sling when they are close enough to kiss, nose and mouth are visible to the wearer, fabric is tight across baby's back, rings are in corsage position (just below the collarbone), fabric is capped over the wearer's shoulder, and baby's bum is below their knees, putting all the weight in the bum.

The checklist

Now that baby is nice and snug, take a moment to review this list to make sure you've properly placed your baby in the sling. To ensure a happy, safe and comfortable experience each time you use the sling, always keep this checklist in mind.





FAQs

You've asked, so we've answered. If you can't find what you're looking for here, visit our FAQs page at wildbird.co for more information.

Why the ring sling?

The ring sling is the quickest way to wear your babe. The fabric is short, manageable and never needs to touch the ground. There's no wrapping or buckling involved, and it can easily be put on by yourself. After a little practice, you can put on the sling in a matter of seconds. To see it in action, visit us at wildbird.co.

How soon can I start to wear my baby?

Most newborns can be worn right away. If your baby has health challenges, or weighs less than 8lbs, you should discuss babywearing with your healthcare practitioner.

How do I use my sling?

Visit wildbird.co for instructional videos.

I'm having trouble using my sling, can you help?

Yes! Send an email to hello@wildbird.co and we'll help with personalized troubleshooting.

How do I wash/clean my sling?

Our slings can be hand or machine washed in cool water and hung to dry. Avoid using detergent with optical brighteners. Visit us at wildbird.co for more details.

Will my sling get even softer with use?

Solid and pattern slings come soft out of the box and will only get softer with use. Modal comes in its softest state straight out of the box.



WARNING

Failure to follow these warnings and the manufacturer's instructions can result in death or serious injury. Only use this carrier with children weighing between 8 and 35 pounds.

SUFFOCATION HAZARD

- Babies younger than 4 months can suffocate in this product if face is pressed tightly against your body. Babies at greatest risk of suffocation include those born prematurely and those with respiratory problems.
- Check often to make sure baby's face is uncovered, clearly visible, and away from caregiver's body at all times.
- Make sure baby does not curl into a position with the chin resting on or near baby's chest. This position can interfere with breathing, even when nothing is covering the nose or mouth.

- If you nurse your baby in carrier, always reposition after feeding so baby's face is not pressed against your body.
- Never use this carrier with babies smaller than 8 pounds without seeking the advice of a healthcare professional.

FALL HAZARD

- Leaning, bending over, or tripping can cause baby to fall. Keep one hand on baby while moving.



Correct

Upright (optimal)

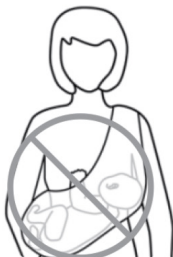
Chin up; face visible
Nose and mouth free



Correct

Reclined

Chin up; face visible
Nose and mouth free



X Incorrect

Baby's face covered
and pressed tight
against wearer



X Incorrect

Baby is hunched with
chin touching chest;
face covered

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· Read and follow all printed instructions and view instructional videos (www.wildbird.co) before use.

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- Check for ripped seams, torn straps or fabric, and damaged hardware before each use. If found, stop using carrier.
- Always check to ensure that all knots, buckles, snaps, straps, and adjustments are secure.
- Ensure that the baby is safely positioned in the sling carrier according to manufacturer's instructions for use.
- Never leave a baby in a sling carrier that is not being worn.
- Check on the baby often. Ensure that the baby is periodically repositioned.
- Never use a sling carrier when balance or mobility is impaired because of exercise, drowsiness, or medical conditions.
- Never use/wear more than one carrier at a time.
- Never use sling carrier while engaging in activities such as cooking and cleaning, which involve a heat source or exposure to chemicals.
- Never wear sling carrier while driving or being a passenger in a motor vehicle.
- Never place more than one baby in the sling carrier.

**“ Anywhere I
go you go, my
dear...”**

- E.E. Cummings



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