£1 PER DAY SLING HIRE

Try before you buy

£7 for one week £14 for two weeks £25 for four weeks

Refundable fee £15-£30 depending on carrier type - returned on sling drop-off

Buckles: 2-8

Ring Slings: 9-11 Meh Dais: 12-14

Stretchy Wraps: 15-17





BUCKLE CARRIERS



Things to consider - longevity, budget, positions (inward, forward facing, hip, back), ruck or cross strap preference, buckle configuration, waistband and strap comfort and overall adjustability.





ERGO OMNI 360

These are quite expensive, but recommend purchasing direct due to unsafe fakes on the preloved market. The carrier has 3-point super-secure buckles, has a neck clip, and offers 4 carrying positions, fitting from newborn to small toddler, offers H and X Straps - this model doesn't require an insert. (Getting a good fit from newborn is tricky, suggest using an inexpensive wrap alongside this carrier for those early weeks) this mesh option will be cooler for baby in the summer too. Comes with a waterproof hood! You'll want a toddler carrier probably around the 1.5 year mark or sooner for big babies.

ERGO EMBRACE

Nice cross between a buckle and a stretchy wrap - soft fabric! X straps only. Double fold to better fit newborn. A good starter sling if you don't want all the tying of a stretchy wrap. Only offers facing in or out positions. Of the ergo buckles you'll get a nicer fit with a smaller baby - 7llb + but your little one may begin to feel too heavy between around 8 month - year mark depending on size.







NICO STEEDA

Folds small, a good summer sling. Lovely patterns. Really simple to use and adjust. Nice fabric waistband and straps. No outward facing option, but you can hip and back carry! Baby needs to be at least around 3 months with good head control, last to approx 18months / 2 years

MINIMONKEY MINI SLING /

0 - 2 years (max. 15kg ~ 33lbs) One size fits all.
Comes with safety loop if you have a seat popper!
This baby carrier is extremely compact and weighs as much as a mobile phone (175 gr).
Ergonomic quick and easy to use! Front carry which becomes more of a hip carry as baby grows.





TZMI ESSENTIAL

A good budget starter baby carrier. Really does fit a newborn. Nice cross between a Stretchy Wrap and buckle. X strap configuration. Nice and lightweight. Available in neutral colours. Izmi do also have a toddler sling - baby may feel heavy in this around the 8 month mark.





TULA EXPLORE

Mesh panel which is more suitable in hotter weather - a nice all rounder! 3 carrying positions, front in and out, and back - from newborn (no insert needed) and will last until baby is around 2 years - Tula then have a toddler and even a preschool carrier you could upgrade to. Nicely padded straps, comfortable waistband, however very petite people may find they cant tighten enough (an issue not limited to this buckle carrier), also has a neck clip.



DRACOMOM HATCHLING

Depending on size of baby potential to fit from newborn (very adjustable). X strap configuration. Nice and lightweight. Lovely Fabric shoulders / soft panel. Mid budget carrier Available in nice print designs as well as more neutral options. They also do a toddler sling - baby may feel heavy in this around the 8 month mark.

MAMARUGA ZENSLING

This carrier has been a hit with so many parents looking for the perfect blend of cuddle and convenience. It is made with a slightly stretchy fabric (97% cotton, 3% lycra) that moulds around you and your child together, with wide shoulder straps that spread for optimal weight distribution. The panel adjusts at the bottom for a perfect knee to knee fit, and also adjusts for the perfect height. Could last baby up to 1.5+ depending on size.





INFANTINO FLIP 4-IN-1

Very simple buckles, four carrying positions - budget carrier - you'll likely need to replace this with a larger carrier around the 8 month - 1 year mark, so it's worth considering if you'd make better use spending more once on a carrier that will last longer.



CONNECTA

From 3.5kg -24kg (3.5 yrs!) Really simple to use! Front (inward), hip and back carrying possible.

With a newborn strap or other synching mechanism (ribbon) you can use this carrier from when baby has better head control! For very small babies you could do an FWCC style carry with the straps for better fitting.



ISARA V3 TRENDSETTER

Can be used for children from 4 weeks to large toddler. The adjustable seat ranges in measurement from 26cm to 38cm. The panel height can also be amended for babies who like arms out, want a head rest on one side, or for extra height as baby grows! Because it's so adjustable there's more involved with knowing how things tighten well. Isara One is the newer gen model on the market.

RING SLINGS

Things to consider - learning curve with tightening and making seat, weight distribution over one shoulder means not everyone gets on with these, no outward facing, but offers front hip and back carrying positions. A good feeding aid - perfect from newborn to bigger toddler.



Price £££

Ring Slings - lovely for an occasion Very aesthetically pleasing

LITTLE FROG

This high quality jacquard design (red and violet) is made of 100% combed cotton, 270 gsm (after washing/shrinking). Gathered shoulder - floating rings.







Jacquard woven & made with organic, responsibly sourced yarn. Newborn to preschool. Knife pleat shoulder. Beautiful premium sling.

Ring Slings

More budget options

MAMAWAY

Funky design, cotton fabric, striped material good for beginner learning







Lovely soft fabric, simple design

MEH DAIS/ HALF BUCKLES



Things to consider - nice cross between a buckle and a woven, seat already made - does need tying, long straps, panel material, strap type - width and padding will vary brand to brand.



Newborn to young toddler Meh Dais

Price £

PALM & POND PINK STARS

A slightly more padded style Meh Dai, budget sling, doesn't come with a hood.







Nice woven fabric Wide straps Comes with hood

Toddler Meh Dais

Price ££ - £££



MELKAJ

Handmade, reversible, thicker straps, handmade, hood attached (unusual design - different to pictured)

Note – This brand is quite hard to come by, they come up on babywearing groups, ebay, vinted from time to time at decent prices. Similar feel more available brands: Didymos, Wompat.

LENNY LAMB WRAP TAI

The Lenny Lamb Wraptai is a meh-dai style carrier, made using Lenny Lamb woven wrap fabrics. Suitable from around 12 months and as your baby grows up until around 3 years; you can carry your baby on your front or back.



STRETCHY WRAPS



Things to consider - one way or two way (different tying techniques for both to get a snug fit) pre-tie or an all-in-one (most of these go on like a t-shirt but it tends to be not one-size fits all), being confident with your tightening mechanisms for hybrids! Slight learning curve :)



Newborn to toddler Stretchy Wraps

Price ££



ALL-IN-ONE BABY K'TAN

If you find tying a stretchy wrap daunting this is simpler to use, great for indoor use, but be aware these are pre-tied so less adjustable and size is worked out by clothing - I have a size Small roughly 8-10 UK clothing



ALL-IN-ONE CLOSE CABOO

Ring Tightening

Will fit the smallest of babies and unlike the baby k'tan above can be bespoke tightened using the ring system - so easily adjustable between multiple wearers too!

Newborn to toddler Stretchy Wraps

Price £ (often can find preloved decent prices)



ONE WAY LIBERTY

Lovely soft fabric
Perfect for small babies



TWO WAY JOY & JOE

Comes with a cute pointy hat! Quite narrow for a stretchy wrap - some people prefer less material...



TWO-WAY CALIN BLEU

Muted colour, will go with any outfit!

WOVEN WRAPS

Things to consider - more of a learning curve, knowing how to tighten well you need to make a seat and remove the slack. You can't forward face but a hip carry is a very good option - can carry from newborn to much bigger children. Beautiful fabrics, and plenty of blends to choose from.



For beginners only recommend hiring out base sizes 4-7 If you'd like to try a shorter wrap though please ask! Price fff



JOY & JOE BENEVOLENCE ALLURE (7)

Thick weave, premium brand



LITTLE FROG MULTI (6)

Good more budget woven - stripes are nice for learning



SYCHA FROG PATTERN (5)

Silkier fabric



DIDYMOS STIPES SKY (4)



YARO EMERALD TURTLE (3)



SYCHA ROBOT PATTERN (2)