Hipababy

Custom baby carriers

Instructions for using your Full Buckle

Thank you for purchasing a Hipababy full buckle carrier. Please read the following instructions before using. Practice with a doll or teddy a few times before trying with your baby.

Front Carry With Crossed Straps

Remove the chest strap and unclip the shoulder buckle. Slide the female end of the buckle so it sits next to the body panel. Loosen the male end of the buckle.

Clip the waist belt on. Experiment to see where the best spot for the placement of the waist belt is for you. Some people prefer to wear on their hips and some on their waist. Wearing closer to your hips will take more weight off your shoulders and onto the waist belt. Wearing the waist belt on your waist can help bring a small baby up higher.

Hold your baby on your front. Make sure you keep one hand on baby at all times! Pull the body of the carrier over your baby.

With one hand cross one shoulder strap across your back around to the opposite buckle. Clip and repeat for the other side.

Bounce your baby gently while holding the shoulder straps to get a deeper seat then tighten the webbing so baby is held close to you. The shoulder buckle is dual adjust so you can move it around to the most comfortable spot.

Alternative front carry: unclip the chest belt and put the straps on like a back pack (not crossed) and then reach behing you to clip the chest belt together.

Back Carry

Do not attempt a back carry until your baby is sitting independently (around 7-8 months).

Clip the shoulder buckle. Tighten the female buckle so it is close to the side of the carrier.   Loosen the webbing on the male end of the buckle.
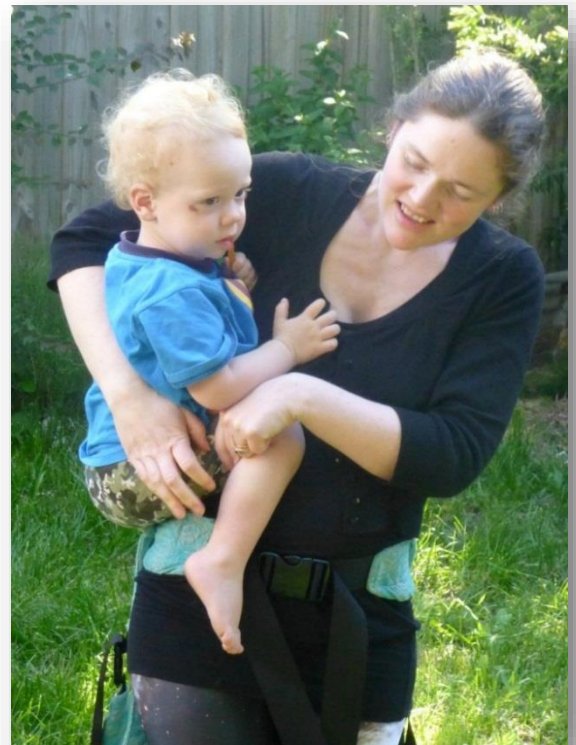
Clip the waist belt on. Hold the baby on your hip. Scoot your baby around to your back. Practice over a soft surface until you are confident. Keep one hand on baby at all times

Pull the body of the carrier over your baby and pull on the shoulder straps.
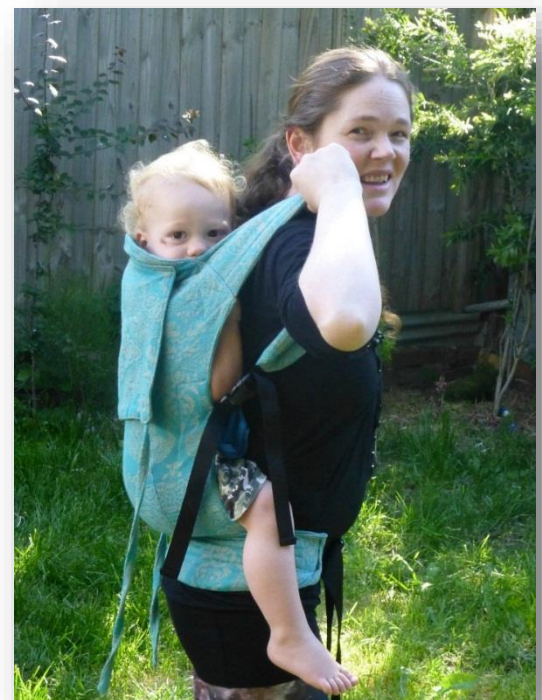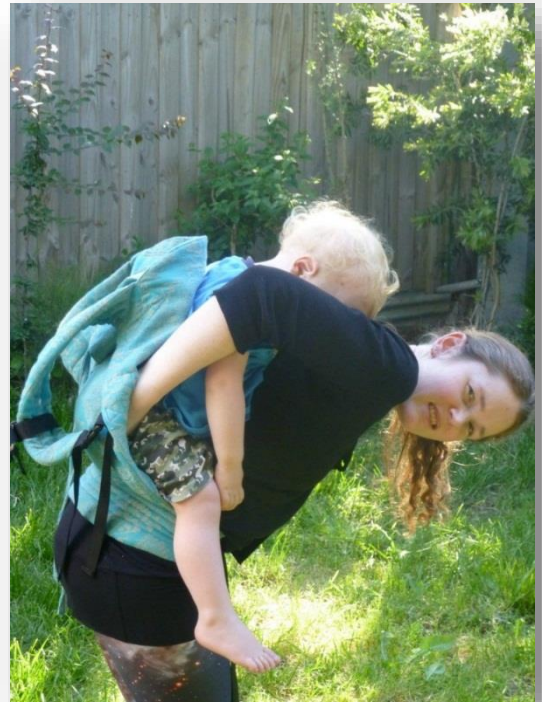
Pull the straps into the air and bounce a little to seat your baby deeper into the carrier

Clip the chest strap. Tighten the shoulder straps so baby is held close to you. Experiment with what works for you.

If your waist belt is worn at hip level loosening the straps slightly can help your baby's weight to fall more onto the waist belt and hips.

Tips

If you find the webbing is rubbing under your arm the shoulder straps are likely too tight. Loosening them a little and moving your chest strap to a different spot may help too.

If the carrier is too tall or your baby would like their arms out it is possible to shorten the body by wearing the waist apron style (the opposite way you would normally). Put the carrier on like you would an apron before placing baby in the carrier. When in the carrier baby's bum will be below the waistband sitting in a pocket, and the buckles will be upside down. You can rethread the buckles so they are the right way around again (before putting baby in) if preferred.

You can use a ribbon to bring in the width of the carrier. This will also shorten the carrier a little. There are more tips for using a carrier with a small baby and how to use the adjustable version here -
https://www.hipababy.com.au/blog/how-to-use-a-structured-carrier-with-a-small-baby#/

Carriers without fit adjusters on the straps are reversible. To reverse remove the buckles and rethread them the opposite way.

Safety

The standard carrier is not suitable for babies under 3-4 months old. Baby must have good head control. The adjustable infant size is suitable for newborns but be aware of your baby's airway and breathing at all times.

Use common sense when using your carrier. Don't do anything you wouldn't do with a baby in your arms e.g. avoid sporting activities (including bike riding), cooking, or carrying hot food or drinks.

Washing

Spot clean and if necessary wash on cold on gentle cycle. Wash in a laundry bag/pillowcase with all the buckles clipped together. If your carrier has extensive appliqué or embroidery hand wash is recommended