

A close-up photograph of a woman with long brown hair, wearing a grey t-shirt, gently kissing the forehead of a baby with blonde hair. The baby is wearing a green hooded sweatshirt and is secured in a black baby carrier. The carrier has a black strap with a buckle visible across the baby's chest. The background is plain white.

# Instruction Manual: Wompat Baby Carrier



# Introduction & safety

Wompat soft structured carrier is designed and carefully hand made in Finland. Wompat carrier is a great help in everyday life: it helps you to bond with your child from the start. A newborn baby feels secure and it is easier for you to meet baby's needs when he is close. On the other hand an overwhelmed toddler enjoys the closeness equally.

Read all instructions carefully before assembling and using the baby carrier. Keep instructions for further use. Check the carrier before each use: make sure the buckles, straps and adjustments are secure. Before each use check for ribbed seams, torn straps or fabric or any damaged fasteners. Ensure the child is properly placed in the carrier and his legs are placed correctly.

Wompat baby carrier comes in four sizes. The baby size is for about 0-18 months, medium size for 1-3 years, toddler size 2-4 years and the pre-school size 3-5 years. The minimum weight limit for the baby size Wompat is 3,5 kg (7 lbs). The maximum weight for baby size is 20 kg (45 lbs). The maximum weight for the medium, toddler and pre-school Wompat is 22 kg (48 lbs). If you need help choosing the right size, please contact your local distributor or the manufacturer.

You can carry the child on the front or on the back. Always carry the child in an upright position and facing towards you. Carry a small baby high against your chest and her head close enough to kiss. Carry the child in the ergonomic frog leg position: baby's legs open and his knees at the same level or higher than her bottom. Never open the waist buckle while the child is in the carrier!

Practice with a doll or teddy and use a mirror as help. Ask another adult to help you, if you feel unsure – specially with the back carries. When you first start wearing the baby, make sure that baby is well fed and calm. It is also good practise to start moving when the baby is in the carrier for example take a walk. The movement will calm the baby.

Baby's face should always be visible – do not cover baby's face. Baby's nose should not be pressed against your body. The carrier should be tight enough so that baby's chin will not curl against his chest but not too tight so that baby can move his head easily. Always monitor the baby in the carrier and make sure that baby can breath easily. Premature infants, infants with respiratory problems and babies under 4 months are at greatest risk of suf-focation.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions and use common sense. Baby's safety is always your responsibility. Do not perform any activities that might put your baby in danger for example bike or horse riding, running, jogging, jumping etc. Never use the carrier while engaging in activities such as cooking or cleaning which involves a heat source or exposure to chemicals. Never wear the baby carrier while driving or being a passenger in a motor vehicle. Do not lay down or sleep while baby is in the carrier. Never use the carrier when your balance or mobility is impaired because of exercise, drowsiness or medical conditions.

# Newborn carry

*This carry is for babies under about 2 months. The waist belt is worn the other way around than normally. This way the body panel creates a safe pouch for the baby. You can wear the shoulder straps straight or crossed on your back. 3,5-5 kg / 7-11 lbs.*



1. Take off both buckles of waist belt and turn them over. Thread the buckles back on. Pull the webbing and make sure the buckles won't slip. You only need to do this 2 times: when you start newborn carry and again when baby is about 2 months.



2. Put on the waist belt: the body panel hangs straight towards the ground and the warning label faces out. Wear the waist belt as high around your waist as possible.



3. Fasten the buckle and adjust.



4. Fasten the buckles of shoulder straps to the corresponding buckles at the sides of body panel. Leave the straps loose.



5. Put on both shoulder straps. Leave the body panel loose enough so that you can easily slide the baby in.



6. Fasten the small chest strap behind your neck. Adjust if necessary.



7. Hold baby with both hands and slide him inside the carrier. Baby should face towards you.



8. Pull the carrier up to baby's neck and back of the head. Baby's legs should be inside the carrier in the natural frog leg position. At the picture 16 you can see how baby's legs are inside the carrier.

# Front Carry: 2-4 months

*It is time to move to this carry when baby's legs don't seem to fit inside the carrier any more. Also if the upper edge of the carrier doesn't reach baby's neck any more, baby has outgrown the newborn carry. 5-7 kg / 11-15 lbs.*



9. Adjust the shoulder straps by pulling forward. Baby should be firmly against your body and well supported by the fabric. The fabric on both sides of the carrier should be against your body.



10. Adjust the string at the upper edge of the body panel so that the fabric will support baby's neck.



11. Baby is at suitable level when you can easily kiss his head. Baby's face should always be visible and not covered by fabric.



12. When baby falls asleep turn baby's cheek towards your chest so that baby can easily breathe. Check the sleeping baby regularly and make sure he has free airways.



1. Tie a narrow string or scarf around the base of the body panel to make it narrower.



2. Put on the waist belt – the warning label should be towards your body. If you have turned the buckles over for the newborn carry, take the buckles out, turn them and put back on the original way.



3. Hold baby facing towards you. Baby's legs are wide open at the frog position. Check that the width of the body panel is suitable: the fabric should reach from baby's knee-pit to knee-pit but no further.



4. Lift up the carrier. The upper edge should reach baby's neck or back of the head.



13. If you need extra support for baby's head, use the sleep hood. Do not cover baby's head with the hood but leave the hood behind baby's back of the head.



14. Another way to use the hood: roll it up and tie the strings to the shoulder straps.



15. Taking the baby out: loosen the shoulder straps and lift baby up and out of the carrier.



16. Here you can see how baby's legs are curled into the frog leg position inside the carrier.



5. Put on the shoulder straps one at a time. Hold the baby always with your other hand. Fasten the chest strap behind your neck.



6. Adjust the shoulder straps by pulling forward. Baby should be firmly against your body.



7. Adjust the string at the upper edge of the body panel so that the fabric will support baby's neck.



8. Baby's face should always be visible and not covered by fabric. Check the sleeping baby regularly and make sure he has free airways.



# Front Carry

*This carry is for older babies and toddlers (from about 4-6 months on). You can wear the shoulder straps straight or crossed on your back. 7-22 kg / 15-48 lbs.*



1. Put on the waist belt. You can wear it on your waist or hips. Baby is at the suitable level when you are able to kiss his head easily.



2. Fasten the buckle and adjust tightly.



3. Fasten the buckles of shoulder straps to the corresponding buckles at the sides of the carrier. Adjust the length of straps.



4. Hold baby facing towards you. Baby's legs are wide open at the frog position.



1. Put on the left shoulder strap and fasten it to the buckle on the opposite side of the carrier. The webbing goes across your back. Leave the strap loose.



2. Hold the baby and slide him into the carrier. Make sure his left foot goes under the webbing.



3. Lift up the right shoulder strap. Hold the baby with your other hand.



4. Pull the right shoulder strap across your back with your left hand. Hold the baby securely with your right hand.



5. Lift up the carrier and put the shoulder straps on one at a time. Hold the baby with your other hand.



6. Fasten the chest strap behind your neck. Adjust it.



7. Adjust the shoulder straps. Pull forward. Baby should be firmly against your body.



8. You can also adjust the length of the straps at the base of the shoulder strap.



5. Fasten the buckles to the opposite side of the carrier.



6. Tighten the shoulder strap. Pull the webbing forward.



7. Tighten also the other shoulder strap. Baby should be firmly against your body.



8. When baby falls asleep or you need extra cover, lift up the sleep hood and tie the long strings to the loops on top of each shoulder strap.

# Front Carry: straps crossed on the back

# Back Carry

Carrying a bigger baby or a toddler often feels more comfortable on the back. You can start backcarrying at the age of about 6 months or older. Ask another adult to help you at first. 9-22 kg / 20-48 lbs.



1. Put on the waist belt. You can wear it on your waist or hips. Many parents feel most comfortable when the baby is high on the back.



2. Fasten the shoulder straps to the buckles on each side of the carrier.



3. There are several ways to get the baby on your back. Here is one option. Hold baby on your hip.



4. Bend forward and move the baby under your arm and to your back.



5. Place the baby in the middle of your back. Hold him all the time with one hand.



6. Grab one shoulder strap and pull the carrier up. Put the shoulder strap on.



7. Put on the other shoulder strap as well. Pull both straps upwards and make a couple of hops to get the baby deeper inside the carrier.



8. Fasten the chest strap and tighten if necessary.



9. Tighten the shoulder straps. Pull the webbing forward. Baby should be firmly against your body.



10. Make sure baby's legs are well supported and he is sitting in the middle of the carrier.



11. When the baby falls a sleep, you can lift up the sleep hood.



12. Tie the strings to the small loops on top of each shoulder strap.



13. You can also use the hood to support just baby's neck.



14. Taking the baby out: open the chest strap, bend forward, put down the shoulder straps and the carrier.



15. Move baby under your arm to your hip.



16. You can use your leg to support the baby, too.



# Different ways to get baby on your back



A1. Hold the baby at his upper arms. The baby can either stand or sit in front of you.



A2. Lift baby up and swing him over your shoulder.



A3. Settle him to your upper back.



A4. Bend forward and hold baby with your arm. With your other hand find one shoulder strap and lift up the carrier.



B1. Put on the waist belt. Leave it loose and wear it on your right hip.



B2. Hold the baby on your hip and lift up the carrier.



B3. Put on the left shoulder strap. Pull the strap behind your back.



B4. Move baby under your arm and to your back with the carrier. Pull the left shoulder strap at the same time.



B5. Put on the right shoulder strap as well. Tighten the waist belt and shoulder straps.



C1. An older child can climb to your back while you crouch.



C2. Help the child up and then lift up the carrier.



D1. Place the carrier over baby's back. Hold baby at his upper arms. Baby can either stand or sit in front of you. Keep the carrier in place at the same time.



D2. Lift baby up and swing him and the carrier over your shoulder. Bend forward.



D3. Put on the shoulder straps.



D4. Put on the waist belt and tighten the straps.



D5. Ready!

**⚠ WARNING FALL HAZARD:** INFANTS CAN FALL THROUGH A WIDE LEG OPENING OR OUT OF THE CARRIER. BEFORE EACH USE, MAKE SURE ALL FASTENERS AND STRAPS ARE SECURE. NEVER OPEN THE WAIST BUCKLE WHILE THE CHILD IS IN THE CARRIER. TAKE SPECIAL CARE WHEN LEANING OR WALKING. NEVER BEND AT WAIST; BEND AT KNEES. ONLY USE THIS CARRIER FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN 7 LB AND 45 LB (3,5 KG – 20 KG).

**SUFFOCATION HAZARD:** INFANTS UNDER 4 MONTHS CAN SUFFOCATE IN THIS PRODUCT, IF FACE IS PRESSED TIGHT AGAINST YOUR BODY. DO NOT STRAP INFANT TOO TIGHT AGAINST YOUR BODY. ALLOW ROOM FOR HEAD MOVEMENT. KEEP INFANT'S FACE FREE FROM OBSTRUCTIONS AT ALL TIMES.

## Washing and caring for your Wompat baby carrier

*Wompat baby carrier can be machine washed at cool temperature cycle for delicates (30 C / 86 F). Use only small amount of liquid washing detergent. Do not use any fabric softeners. We recommend to spot clean the carrier when possible and only wash it infrequently. Shape the carrier when still moist and air dry. The hood and the panel can be ironed but do not iron the paddings.*

*Check the carrier regularly. Make sure all the buckles, webbing, straps and seams are intact. Do not use a broken carrier. Please contact the manufacturer or distributor, if you need any spare parts.*

*Some babies can chew the shoulder straps or the upper parts of the carrier. Chewing can break the fabric eventually. Please monitor your child and offer him an alternative item to chew.*

*Liinalapsi Oy offers a 12 month warranty for the Wompat baby carrier. The warranty covers for materials and workmanship. The warranty does not cover any faults that are caused by improper use or improper care of the product. Proof of purchase is required. The broken carrier needs to be sent to us.*

*The child's safety is always your responsibility. The instructions for use are a guide for safer carrying of baby but they do not guarantee the full safety of the child. All legal proceedings or lawsuit are processed by the Finnish law and at the court of Finland.*

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