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Fashionable Water Baby Carriers
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Thank you for purchasing a Beachfront Baby Sling!

This ring sling is made with 100% polyester jersey fabric and SlingRings brand aluminum rings. Sewn by work-at-home-moms in the San Antonio, Texas area, much love and attention to detail has gone into creating this sling. Beachfront Baby Slings hold babies and toddlers from 8lbs to 30lbs in a variety of positions. This instruction booklet will show you how.

Before you begin:

- Inspect your sling's seams at the shoulder where the rings are sewn on to ensure there is no separation, rips or tears. DO THIS BEFORE YOU USE YOUR SLING EACH TIME. If you notice any problems that need repair, DO NOT use your sling.

- Make sure your baby is changed, fed & content when you begin using your sling, especially the first few times. A content baby is a lot more likely to allow you some wiggle room in getting a good and comfortable fit.

- Follow the instructions for "Threading your Sling" first. Once your sling is threaded, you do not need to unthread it unless you plan to wash it.

IMPORTANT WATER SAFETY INFORMATION

When entering any water environment with your baby, please keep these safety rules in mind:

- When holding or wearing your baby, never attempt to enter water with a strong current, steep slope, slippery bottom or where you cannot see the bottom.

- Always keep baby's face visible and kissable when being worn in a baby carrier, but especially in a water carrier. You will be better able to judge if baby is enjoying the water as well as how much water is in his face or near his mouth.

- Baby carriers are not appropriate for wearing in a boat. If you were to fall into the water, you would not be able to keep baby's head above the water if he or she were in the carrier. Please choose a flotation device designed for babies and toddlers.

Even with all the water safety rules, taking your baby in the water is a great experience for you both. Remember that your baby spent 9 months in a watery environment so giving him the opportunity to be immersed in water again is often pleasing and comforting. Playing in water together is a wonderful way to bond with your baby so grab a towel and your baby and head to the water!

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IMPORTANT! KEEP FOR FUTURE USE.

WARNING – Failure to follow the manufacturer's instructions can result in death or serious injury.

SUFFOCATION HAZARD

- Ensure the infant's face is above the fabric, visible, and free from obstructions at all times.
- Babies at greatest risk of suffocation include those born prematurely, those with respiratory problems and those under four months of age.
- Ensure the baby does not curl into a "C" position with the chin resting on or near the chest. This position can interfere with breathing, even if nothing is covering the nose or mouth.

FALL HAZARD

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

Follow the manufacturer's recommended weight range when using this carrier. Never use this carrier for a preterm infant without seeking the advice of a healthcare professional.

Read and follow all printed instructions before use.
Check for ripped seams, torn straps or fabric before each use. 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. If using the sling while breast feeding, always move the baby's face away from the breast after the baby is done feeding.

Never use a sling carrier when balance or mobility is impaired because of exercise, drowsiness, or medical conditions.

Never place more than one baby in the sling carrier.

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. Don't do anything with your baby in the wrap that you wouldn't do with him/her in your arms. **This includes, but is not limited to:** diving off the diving board, scuba diving, riding a jet ski, going down a water slide, water skiing or any other dangerous water activities you can think of.

Never wear sling carrier while driving or being a passenger in a motor vehicle, including a boat. Please use proper equipment including a car seat in a car & a personal floatation device made for babies & small children in a boat.

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Threading Your Sling

1. Find the ends of the sling. Hold the end with the rings in one hand, with the white safety tag facing up, and the tail end in the opposite hand.

2. Drape the ring end over your arm and use both hands to gather together the tail end until it is small enough to fit through the rings.

3. Pull the tail end of the sling through the rings.

4. Keep pulling until the tail length is equal to the length of the folded body of the sling.

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PART 1

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5. Separate the rings with your fingers. Thread the tail end of the sling through the top ring only.

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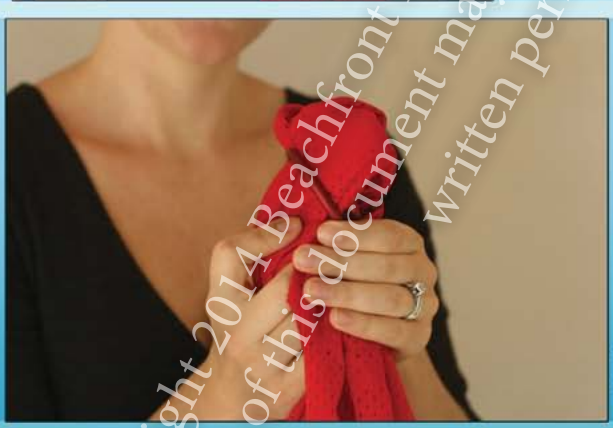
6. Pull the tail through the ring until there is about six inches of folded fabric remaining between the rings.



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7. This bubble of fabric will be spread out before pulling it tight.

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8. Spread the fabric bubble out so that it is gathered through the rings, with no folds of fabric and ensure it is not twisted.

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9. You may have to adjust the tail end coming out of the ring to make sure there are no twists. It should look like this when done.

10. Grab the tail and lower body of the sling in one hand and the upper body of the sling in the other hand and pull tight. The bubble should disappear and the fabric should be evenly spread through the rings.

11. A perfectly threaded sling! Now you are ready to wear it!

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Wearing your older baby in the Hip Hold

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1. Decide which shoulder you want to wear your sling on. Many mothers prefer to place the sling over their dominate hand's shoulder and carry the baby on the opposite hip. The sling's gathered shoulder design allows it to be worn on either shoulder. Hold the sling so that the rings are in the front.

2. Place your arm through the sling with the rings and tag facing out.

3. Pull the sling up…

4. …and over your head.

PART 2

5. Settle the sling on your shoulder.
6. If the sling is too tight, grab the body of the sling in one hand and the ring on top in the other hand. Lift up on the ring while pulling the body of the sling down. This will pull the tails back through the rings and loosen the sling.
7. Do a quick check to ensure there is enough room for your baby, but not too much slack.
8. Grab the top & bottom rail of the body of the sling and line them up. You are folding the sling in half at your hip. This creates a pocket for baby's bottom to sit in.
9. Straighten out the fabric so it lays flat after it's folded.
10. Grab your baby & hold him on your hip like you want to hold him in the sling.

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11. Place his tummy up high on your shoulder and hold his body with one arm while you pull the sling body out to place his legs through.
12. Begin sliding his body down into position.
13. Just before he is in position on your hip, hold him there while you grab the two rails of the sling that you folded. Open the fold and…
14. Lean forward slightly and keep holding the bottom rail between his legs.

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15. Pull the bottom rail to the backs of his knees and settle him into a deep seated pocket.
16. Once he is settled, begin tightening the sling rails. Pull the entire tail down to give a good all-around tightness, while supporting baby with one arm.
17. Pulling down on the outer edge of the tail will tighten the bottom rail supporting baby's legs.
18. Pulling the inner edge of the tail out…

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19. …then down, will tighten the top rail supporting his back.
20. Grab the middle of the tail and pull out…

21. …then down to get a good fit through the middle of the sling.
22. Baby's knees should be higher than his bottom and his back should be well-supported. Now you're ready to go!

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Taking Baby out of the Sling

1. Start by loosening the sling. Support baby with one hand and grab the top ring with your other hand.
2. Pull up on the rings to loosen the fabric.
3. When the rings are even with your shoulder, the sling should be loose enough to slide baby out easily.
4. Supporting baby's bottom, pull the sling fabric down off his back.

5. Slip your hand under his bottom inside the sling, to get him lifted up to your shoulder and free of the sling.

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PART 3

6. Grab him under the arms and lift him up and away…

7. …then put his tummy up onto your shoulder.

8. Free his legs from the sling.

9. Now he's ready to hop down and play!

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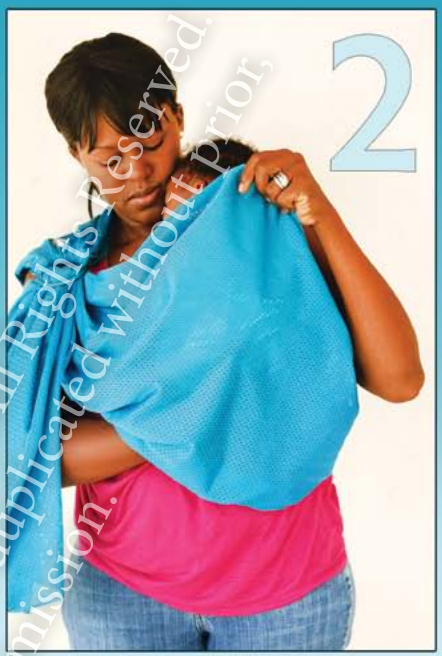
Wearing your baby in the Heart-to-Heart Hold

1. Put your sling on and hold baby against your chest, up high under your chin.



2. Pull the top rail of fabric up and over his back so that he is completely covered with the sling.

3. Supporting his body through the sling, grab the tails of the sling and pull through the rings to tighten. First, pull out…

4. …then pull down.

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5. Put baby's bottom in the seated position by pulling the bottom rail of the sling up between your body & his. The fabric should come to the back of his knees and his bottom should be lower than his knees.

6. Keep supporting baby's body while tightening the sling, a little at a time. Pulling the inner edge of the tail out, then down, will tighten the top rail supporting his back.

7. Pulling the center of the tail out…

8. …then down will tighten the center of the sling against his midsection. Pulling the outer edge of the tail out, then down will tighten the bottom rail supporting his bottom.

9. Continue adjusting and tightening as needed for a secure fit. Baby's body should be snug up against yours. If he starts to slump during wearing, adjust and tighten the rails of your sling again to keep him snug.

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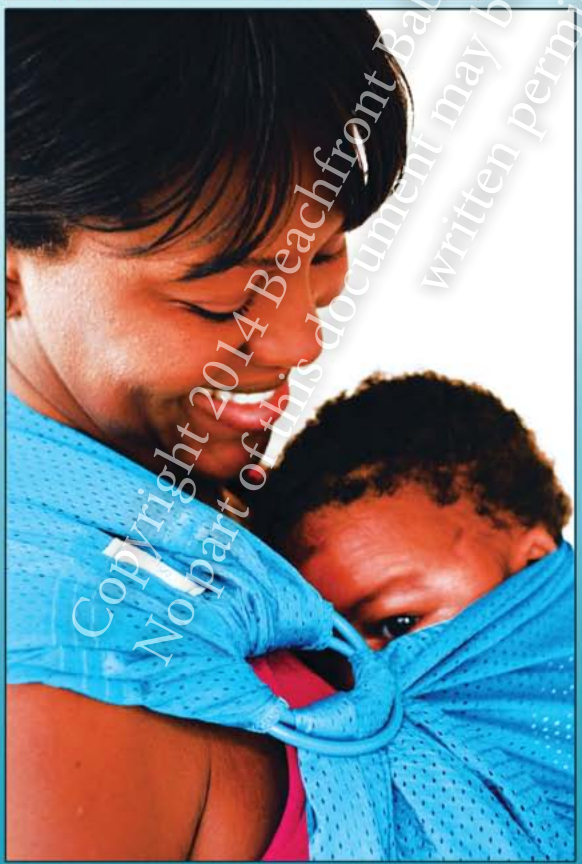
10. The sling should be smooth and untwisted across your back, with the fabric spread out over your shoulder.



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11. Your rings should be in "corsage position" and the top rail of your sling should support the back of baby's head & neck. Baby should be visible & kissable at all times. His nose should not be pressed up against your body or the sling.

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Transitioning to Breastfeeding in the Cradle Hold

1. Begin by supporting your baby with one hand and loosening the rings of your sling with the other hand. Grab the top ring and lift up.

2. Continue lifting up until the sling has enough slack to be able to reposition your baby.

3. Pull the top rail of the sling down around your baby's mid-back.

4. Leaning forward slightly, begin turning your baby into the cradle position. Support him with your hands the whole time & go slowly.

5. Reach into the sling and use your hand to gently slide his bottom down and let his feet push out the side of the sling.

6. Pull the sling fabric down around his body and legs to create a pocket to support him.

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7. Switch hands used to support him and begin adjusting the sling fabric around his shoulders and head. Pull the top rail up to his neck to give him head support.

8. Supporting his body in the cradle hold, begin retightening the rails of the sling.

9. Grab the tails and pull down to tighten the body of the sling.

10. Pulling the inner edge of the tail out…

11. …then down, will tighten the top rail supporting his neck & head.

12. Pulling the center of the tail out…

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13. …then down will tighten the center of the sling against his midsection.

14. Pulling the outer edge of the tail out…

15. …then down will tighten the bottom rail supporting his bottom & legs.

16. Latch baby on! He's ready to eat! Remember to keep his face in view at all times. When he is finished eating, move him back into the heart-to-heart hold by reversing the steps used to get him into the cradle hold. This is very important in order to ensure he does not fall asleep with his face pressed into your body. His body should also not be allowed to curl into the "C" position, as young babies cannot breathe well in this position.

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Sling FAQ's

Q: Can I breastfeed my baby in this sling?

A: Yes! Please follow the photo tutorial for placing your baby in the cradle hold for breastfeeding. Once your baby is finished, make sure to move him back into the heart-to-heart hold for his safety.

Q: Do Beachfront Baby Slings contain SPF/UV protection?

A: No. The only UV protection is what the layer of fabric affords. We have looked into the processes for adding UV protection to the fabric & do not trust the chemicals used in additives. The processes that weave into the fabric are cost prohibitive at this time. Please protect your baby with a non-toxic sunscreen, clothing and a hat. Keep out of direct sun as much as possible during the middle of the day and make sure you have a shady place to rest with your baby.

Q: What size person does the Beachfront Baby Sling fit?

A: The one size sling fits most adults. Ring slings allow for a lot of adjustability and can fit different size parents who share the sling. The tail will be longer on smaller parents and shorter on larger parents. XL slings are available for those who normally wear an XL or 2XL shirt. Petite slings best fit those who wear an XS or SM size shirt.

Q: What size/age babies can be worn in a Beachfront Baby Sling?

A: Babies can be worn from 8lbs up to 30lbs. The fabric will support babies and toddlers heavier than this, but it will not be as comfortable for the wearer.

Q: How do I shower with my baby in a Beachfront Baby Sling?

A: Start by undressing yourself and putting the sling on. Undress baby & put him in the sling in the heart-to-heart position and carefully step into the shower. Keep an eye on baby's face to ensure the spray isn't hitting him in the face & that he is enjoying the water. To wash your hair, turn your back to the water & tilt your head back to allow the water to run down your back. Turn so that the spray is on baby's back while you shampoo your hair with your head tilted back. (Most mothers have found that switching to a non-toxic, gentle shampoo that they would use on their baby is the perfect way to get both themselves and baby clean.) Turn again so that your back is to the spray and tilt your head back to let the shampoo rinse down your back. To wash your body & baby's body, you can soap up right through the Beachfront Baby Sling. Again, choosing a soap that is gentle enough for baby makes it easy to get both of you clean without worrying about unintentionally using a harsh product on baby. As you turn to rinse all parts, keep an eye on baby's face to make sure the spray isn't hitting him in the face in any position. Shaving is best left until you are alone in the shower, as babies have quick hands and can grab things even at a young age! At this point, if someone is home for you to hand baby off to, you can loosen the sling at the rings and lift baby up and out of the sling and hand him to your helper waiting with a towel. If no one is there to help, you can turn off the water and wrap a big towel or robe around both of you in the sling. Once you are out of the shower, you can have a towel ready to lay baby on & follow the above instructions for taking baby out of the carrier. Then you can take off your sling and hang it to dry.

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