



Direct-Contact Baby Carrier

For a stronger bond with your baby

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Belle means 'Pretty' for good reason!

As a collector of all things babywearing, it's not too often I get excited about a carrier that is only suited for one position and has no head support. I'd never say never, though, and it's a good thing because I am loving my Belle Baby Carrier. For babies 8 - 30 lbs to be worn on your belly facing either toward or away from you, the Belle allows for essential (in my never-humble opinion) direct contact and discrete nursing. The tightness of the waist belt affects the height of your baby in the carrier...loose belt = low baby.

It doesn't have any head support hidden in there, which makes it sleek and small enough to toss in a large purse but not all that comfortable for a baby who falls asleep in it once their head is over the top and they're facing outward. There's no extra padding at all, and very little even on the shoulder straps, which can be a downer if you're used to that. However, for a baby who just loves to be carried - cushioned or not - the Belle gives you a hands-free option sans bells and whistles that is actually rather gorgeous. I've gotten tons of compliments on my 'cherry deco' pattern (pictured) and greener parents can choose from organic fabrics in sand, black or denim. As a warm-ish mama at the best of times, I appreciate the lack of padding and lack of sweat that accompanies it. I love my Belle for short trips on which I can hold my daughter's head in my hands if she falls asleep and for which shoulder strain isn't an issue, and I particularly love that I am never without a carrier because the Belle rolls up into a little ball and fits anywhere - even in my coat pocket!

Cooler than cool - the Belle was designed by two dads and named after their daughters. Way to go, guys.