

GEMINI

INSTRUCTIONS



FRONT + BACK CARRIER 7 – 35 LBS | 3.5 – 16 KG

1 FRONT CARRY FACING IN POSITION (7 LBS | 3.5 KG +) FOR NEWBORNS AND SMALL BABIES FROM 7 - 15LBS, USE THE NARROW BASE. FROM 15LBS+, USE THE WIDE BASE.



1.1 Snap the side wings to the snaps in the center to make the base **NARROW** or to the snaps on the support belt to make the base **WIDE**.



1.2 Place the support belt around your waist or hips with the outside of the carrier facing your legs.



1.3 Fasten buckle and adjust support belt tightly around your body. Support belt should be level and parallel to the floor.



1.4 Place baby in the carrier facing in. Hold her with one arm.



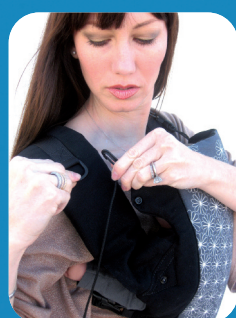
1.5 With the other arm, bring the carrier between baby's legs and over baby's body. Place the shoulder strap over your shoulder.



1.6 Switch arms and reach behind you for the buckle end of the shoulder strap.



1.7 Holding baby with your forearm, use both hands to fasten the shoulder strap buckle to the buckle on the side of the carrier.*



1.8 For young babies who need neck/head support, unsnap the headrest and fasten it using the hooks onto the D-rings on the shoulder straps.



1.9 Final position with headrest **UP & WIDE BASE**.



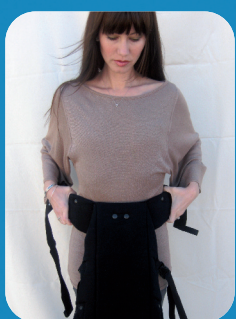
1.10 Final position with headrest **DOWN & NARROW BASE**.

* Pull on the shoulder adjuster webbing end to tighten snugly. Switch arms, and repeat steps 6 & 7 with the other shoulder strap.

2 FRONT CARRY FACING OUT POSITION CHILD MUST FACE TOWARDS YOU UNTIL HE/SHE CAN HOLD HEAD UPRIGHT! (3 - 4 MONTHS)



2.1 Snap the side wings to the snaps in the center to make the base **NARROW**.



2.2 Place the support belt around your waist or hips with the outside of the carrier facing your legs. You may prefer the support belt on your waist or on your hips.



2.3 Fasten buckle and adjust support belt tightly around your body. Support belt should be level and parallel to floor.



2.4 Place baby in the carrier facing out. Hold her with one arm.



2.5 With the other arm, bring the carrier between baby's legs and over baby's body. Place the shoulder strap over your shoulder.



2.6 Switch arms and reach behind you for the buckle end of the shoulder strap.



2.7 Holding baby with your forearm, use both hands to fasten the shoulder strap buckle to the buckle on the side of the carrier.*



2.8 Rotate baby's hips forward slightly so that she is sitting on her rear end. Final position with headrest snapped **DOWN & NARROW BASE**.

* Pull on the shoulder adjuster webbing end to tighten snugly. Switch arms, and repeat steps 6 & 7 with the other shoulder strap.

WARNINGS - FALL HAZARD! KEEP AWAY FROM FIRE!

Read all instructions before using the **GEMINI** Baby Carrier. Keep instructions for future use. Check to ensure all buckles, snaps, and adjustments are secure before each use. Small babies can fall through a leg opening that is too big. Follow all instructions for use and always ensure you are holding onto baby with at least one arm while you are putting baby into or taking baby out of the carrier. Only use this carrier for children between 7 lbs and 35 lbs (3.5 kg – 16kg). Your balance may be adversely affected by your movements and those of your baby. Take care when bending or leaning forward. Be careful when opening doors or turning corners not to bang your baby. This carrier is not suitable for use during sport activities.

CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Machine wash with mild detergent on gentle cycle. Air dry. Do not wash frequently. Do not use bleach. Spot clean as needed.

WARRANTY

Beco Baby Carrier warrants this product against defects in material and workmanship. We stand behind our products and will either repair or replace for free any genuine Beco Baby Carrier purchased from an authorized retailer for one year from date of purchase. Proof of purchase required.

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3 HIP CARRY POSITION

ONLY FOR BABIES WITH FULL HEAD/NECK CONTROL!
(4+ MONTHS) USE THE **WIDE BASE**.



3.1 Snap the side wings to the snaps on the support belt to make the base **WIDE**.



3.2 Place the carrier around your hips with the carrier's seat above your hip or slightly in front of it.*



3.3 Place baby in the carrier. Support her with your arms.



3.4 Bring the carrier between baby's legs and over her body. Hold baby with the arm on the side she is sitting on. **



3.5 Switch arms and reach behind you for the buckle end of the shoulder strap with the arm on the side she is sitting on.



3.6 Holding baby with your forearm on the opposite arm, use both hands to fasten the shoulder strap buckle to the buckle on the side of the carrier.



3.7 Run the other shoulder strap **UNDER** your arm as shown and place it **OVER** your opposite shoulder.



3.8 Switching arms holding baby, hold her with your forearm and use your hands to fasten the shoulder strap buckle to the buckle on the side of the carrier. ***



3.9 The shoulder straps will rest one on top of the other over your shoulder. Pull on both straps at once and position them on your shoulder, not on your neck.



3.10 Final position. Note how the **WIDE BASE** supports baby's legs. Smaller babies can also ride with their arms tucked in.

* Fasten buckle and adjust support belt tightly around your body. Support belt should be level and parallel to floor. ** With your other arm, place front shoulder strap over your shoulder. *** Pull on the shoulder adjuster webbing end to tighten snugly.

BECO TIP = USE ELASTIC LOOPS TO SHORTEN DANGLING WEBBING STRAPS

The webbing straps on your shoulder straps and support belt each have an elastic loop at the end. If you have excess webbing length when your **GEMINI** is fully adjusted, roll up the ends of your webbing straps to shorten them to your desired length and use the elastic loops to secure the rolled-up webbing.

4 BACK CARRY POSITION ONLY FOR BABIES WITH FULL HEAD/NECK CONTROL! (6+ MONTHS) USE THE **WIDE BASE**.



4.1 Snap the side wings to the snaps on the support belt to make the base **WIDE**.



4.2 Fasten the shoulder strap buckles on the same sides to make back-pack-style straps.*



4.3 It should look like this when you're done closing the shoulder strap buckles.



4.4 Place baby in the carrier. Support her with your arm.



4.5 Pull the carrier up and over the baby. Hold both shoulder straps in one hand. Support your baby with the other hand.



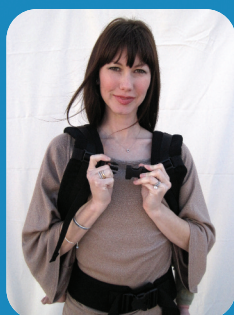
4.6 Start shifting baby and carrier around your body as far back as possible.



4.7 Bend slightly forward to create more support for baby. Slip your arm through one shoulder strap opening.



4.8 Center baby and carrier on your back. Slide your other arm through the other shoulder strap opening.



4.9 Close the chest (sternum) strap on your front. It should rest above your chest and under your collarbone.



4.10 Final position with headrest UP.



4.11 Final position with headrest DOWN.

* DO NOT CROSS THE STRAPS. You can choose to clip the head rest into the upright position.



HOW TO OPEN THE TRI-LOCK BUCKLES

The **GEMINI** Baby Carrier is equipped with very secure tri-lock buckles. Once properly fastened, these buckles will not open accidentally. There is a 2" tri-lock buckle on the support belt and two 1" tri-lock buckles at the top where the carrier harness attaches to the shoulder straps.

TO OPEN:

Squeeze the sides of the buckle with one hand and push the button on buckle's top with your other hand. Pull the buckle parts apart.

TO CLOSE:

Line up the parts of the buckle and slide them together until you hear a solid "click." Pull gently on the buckle parts to ensure they are properly aligned and engaged. Always listen for that click!

ERGONOMIC EFFECTS OF CHANGING THE WIDTH OF THE BASE:

The innovative design feature that enables you to change the width of the Gemini's base makes a world of difference in how baby's weight is distributed over your body as well as how baby herself is supported. While small infants will enjoy plenty of support with the **NARROW** base, older babies (15 lbs+) should ride with the base open **WIDE**. The wide base will support the growing baby in an ergonomically proper position with her knees as high as her rear end. Notice in fig. 1.9 how baby's legs are spread wide around the parent's body. This position, with baby's weight supported along her entire rear end and upper thighs, is proper ergonomic positioning. Fig. 1.10 shows the same baby with the **NARROW** base: notice how her legs are dangling slightly down. When you see your own baby's legs assume this slightly dangling position, your baby has outgrown the **NARROW** base and needs to start being carried with the base open **WIDE**. You will also notice a major increase in comfort for yourself with the **WIDE** base. That's because baby's weight is being distributed better across your lower body and torso.

ACHIEVING MINIMUM SIZE LEG OPENING:

Small babies can fall through a leg opening if the carrier is too loose. Make sure to tighten the shoulder straps enough so baby is held snugly against your torso and does not feel too loose in the carrier. Baby should be at approximately the same position she would be if held in your arms against your chest. See fig. 1.7 in **FRONT CARRY FACING IN POSITION** and fig. 2.7 **FRONT CARRY FACING OUT POSITION**.

Babies love to suck on various parts of the baby carrier, especially when they are teething. We recommend using **BECO DROOLING PADS** on the shoulder straps to help keep the straps clean. While there may be some color bleeding initially, this will diminish after the carrier's first washing in cold water. Both the fabric and the fabric dyes of the **GEMINI** are rigorously tested and are safe for babies. The fabric is 100% Organic cotton, and all dyes are water based.

NOTES ABOUT FACING OUT POSITION:

Use the **NARROW BASE** for this position as it is more comfortable for you and baby. While many babies enjoy the facing out position once they have developed good head and neck control, pay attention to your baby's cues to and turn her around to face you if she is becoming overstimulated. Young babies need lots of eye contact and communication with their caregivers, so it is better to avoid prolonged use of the forward facing out position. Also, start using the hip carry position and back carry position when baby is big enough so that baby does not get used to only one carrying position. The more flexible baby is, the more carrying options you will have!

REGARDLESS OF THE POSITION, ALWAYS MAKE SURE BABY HAS A CLEAR AIRWAY TO BREATHE!