



Instruction Manual:  
**Wompat Mei Tai & Wrap Tai**



# Introduction & safety

Wompat baby 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 strap 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.

# Hints & Tips

Baby 0-2 months:



1. Put on the waist belt like in this picture: the warning label facing out. When you lift up the carrier it will form a secure pouch for a small baby.



2. Baby's legs should stay inside the carrier. The legs are curled naturally.



3. Adjust the small string under the hood: the fabric should support baby's neck and upper back.



4. When the baby falls asleep turn his cheek towards your chest so that baby can breath easily. Check the sleeping baby regularly and make sure he has free airways.

Baby 2-4 months:



1. Tie a string around the base of the carrier to make it narrower between baby's legs.



1. Spread out the shoulder straps widely over baby's bottom and back.



2. Spread the fabric widely over your shoulders and back.



3. Back carry: cross the shoulder straps over your chest, spread the fabric.

# Front Carry



1. Put on the waist belt. You can wear it in two ways. Try what works better for you.



2. The second way to tie the waist belt. Wear the carrier as high as possible. The baby is at the right level when you can easily kiss his head but still see well straight ahead.



3. Make a double knot on your back.



4. Hold baby facing towards you. Baby's legs are wide open, the knees approximately at the same level as his belly button.



5. Lift up the carrier. Place the shoulder straps on your shoulders one at a time. Hold the baby always with your other hand.



6. Cross the shoulder straps on your back and pull them tight. Baby should be firmly against your body.



7. Bring the straps to the front.



8. Cross the straps over baby's low back of bottom. Spread the fabric wide, if you like.



9. Place each strap under baby's leg at the opposite side and bring them to your back.



10. Make a double knot on your back.



11. Wide straps give extra support for the baby.



12. Another way to tie the straps: make a twist with the straps.



13. Ready to go!



14. Using the sleep hood: lift the hood up from the strings.



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



16. Do not cover the head of a small baby (under 4 months). Instead use the hood behind baby's neck for additional support.



# Back Carry



1. Put on the waist belt. Tie it a little loosely and move the carrier on your hip. Hold the baby on your hip and lift up the carrier.



2. Bring one shoulder strap behind your back and place it on your left shoulder.



3. Move the baby under your right arm to your back. Pull the left strap at the same time. Hold baby with the right arm.



4. Place the baby and the carrier in the middle of your back.



5. Put on the right shoulder strap. Pull the straps tightly. Tighten the waist belt, if needed. You can keep the shoulder straps between your knees tightly while you do that.



6. Hold both shoulder straps tightly.



7. Bring each shoulder strap to your back and cross them over baby's lower back or bottom. If you want to spread out the fabric completely, do this one strap at a time and keep the other strap between your knees.



8. Bring each strap under baby's leg to the front again. Make a double knot.



9. You can also make a twist with the straps.



10. You can make an additional reinforcement with the straps, if you want. Cross the straps over the chest.



11. Bring each end of strap under the strap on the opposite shoulder.



12. And make a double knot high on your chest. The reinforcement prevents the straps from slipping off your shoulders.



13. You can also wear the shoulder straps cossed at front. Try which way feels most comfortable for you!



14. Most parents feel comfortable when the baby is high on the back. And the baby also enjoys when he can see better around him.



15. Taking the baby out: loosen the waist belt a little. Put down the right shoulder strap but hold the left strap firmly, bring the baby to your right hip.



16. Move the baby under your right arm to the hip. Now you can take the carrier down.



**⚠ 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 STRAP 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 panel, hood and the straps 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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