

Keep bub close with these great carriers and slings. M&B readers Luke and Bethany Cullen with their daughter Evie, 1, put these 10 to the test



Minimonkey sling, \$79.95 or \$99.95 for organic cotton
Luke says: "Good and secure thanks to its stiffened edges. It comes in great colours and you can use it as a baby hammock."



Ergo baby Carrier, \$159
Bethany says: "A winner for me. The canopy makes it handy for breastfeeding Evie in public."



Ellaroo Ring Sling, from \$149
Bethany says: "Great folkie fabric, really comfortable to wear, and I liked the elegant sash design."



Goldbug Baby Ktan, \$173
Bethany says: "A cross between a carrier and sling, I liked the support and the way the stretchy fabric held Evie close."



Manduca baby carrier, \$189
Luke says: "This got my top vote. Evie felt really snug and it felt well-designed."



Goldbug Comfort Support Carrier, \$209.85
Bethany says: "It fits like a vest and I like the overall head support and guard for Evie."

CARRIED AWAY



BabyBjorn, \$289.95
Luke says: "This is a big improvement on the old BabyBjorn we've got at home. It's a lot firmer and has good lower back support."



Organic Nature Baby Sling, \$75
Bethany says: "This one was very roomy and the release clip let me put Evie down without disturbing her. And it's made of organic cotton, which is nice and soft."



Combi Baby Carrier, \$229
Luke says: "This is cleverly designed because you can wear it on your back like a normal carrier or like this, which is perfect for putting kids to sleep."



Serena & Lily Market Sling, \$180
Bethany says: "This was my favourite of the slings. Easy to do up, comfy and nicely lined."



Sling V Carrier

Which one's best for you?

It depends on you, your partner and your baby. In very broad terms, slings are easier to use and need less adjustment than carriers, but the latest carriers offer excellent back support and ergonomic design. Stretch fabric slings are particularly good for newborns but can struggle under the weight of a toddler. Ring slings are easy to wear and quick to put on or take out a child as needed.

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