

# Pre-Loved Perfection: Tips for Buying Secondhand Baby Carriers

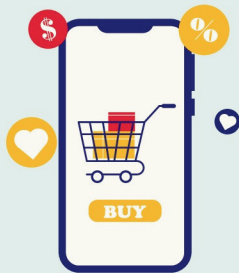
## Why buy secondhand?

**Baby-ready:** Woven wraps, soft structured carriers, and other carriers can be stiff right out of the box, but with secondhand carriers, they've usually been softened with use.

**Eco-Friendly:** By choosing pre-loved carriers, you're keeping perfectly usable products out of landfills.

**Budget-Friendly:** Quality carriers can be pricey, but buying secondhand allows you to access top-tier brands at a fraction of the price.

**Multiple carriers:** The secondhand market makes owning multiple carriers more feasible which means each caregiver can have a favorite carrier that they feel confident using with no need to compromise their comfort.



## Where to shop:

- **Babywearing-Specific Facebook Buy, Sell, Trade (BST) Groups + Marketplace**
- **Local Babywearing + Parenting Groups**
- **Thrift Stores & Baby-Specific Resale Shops**
- **Auction Websites** like Mercari, Poshmark, eBay
- **Rebelstork** - vetted pre-loved or open-box baby gear
- **Craigslist**



## Keep in mind:

**When in doubt, reach out to your local babywearing educator and consultant.**

- **Buckles and Clips:** These should snap securely and not feel loose or wobbly.
- **Elastic and Webbing:** Elastic parts should still stretch well and not feel brittle. Webbing should be free from frays and glide smoothly when adjusted.
- **Fabric:** Look for thinning, rips, or fading in weight-bearing areas, such as straps or the main panel.
- **Stitching:** Check for loose or frayed stitching in high-stress areas like the waistband or shoulder straps.
- **Storage and Laundering:** Ask the seller how the carrier was stored and laundered. Carriers stored in damp or extreme heat or washed with harsh detergents may have weakened over time.

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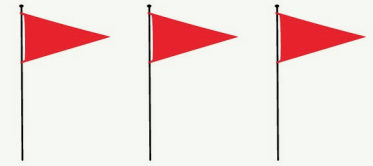


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# Fake or Fabulous?

## Your Guide to Spotting Counterfeit Baby Carriers

### Beware counterfeits and scams! Look out for these **red flags**:



**Suspicious Prices:** If a carrier is listed at an unrealistically low price, it's likely a fake.

**Logos and Tags:** Fakes often have logos or tags that are slightly off, or are missing standard safety warning labels. Examine the details closely.

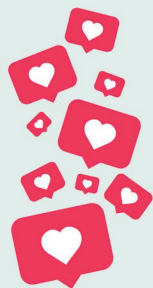
**Photos:** Be wary of stock or stolen images. Request real, detailed photos or videos of the carrier from the seller.

**Authorized Resellers:** Check the brand's website or ask your local babywearing consultant whether the seller is an authorized reseller. This extra step can protect you from purchasing a knockoff.

**Check Seller Reviews and Group Rules:** Review seller feedback, search their name in the group, and follow any rules set by BST groups or platforms.

### Secure Payments:

**PayPal Goods & Services:** This is generally the safest payment method, as it provides buyer protection. If the seller insists on PayPal Friends & Family, Venmo, or CashApp, consider this a red flag.



## Feeling overwhelmed?

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS ALONE!**

Get in touch with your local babywearing consultant, educator, or group for more insight and guidance!

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