

by KELLEY MASON

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## The Kozy Family

Kozy is a small family owned business. Kelley Mason is the the designer and founder of Kozy. A work at home mom (wahm) most of her time is spent with her 3 little ones. Kozy is her 4th baby. Kristi Jennings, Kelley's sister, was brought on after business took off. She and Kelley are partners and she handles much of the business and finance side of things, since this is her speciality.

[Meet Kristi Jennings](#)

### Kelley's Story

My inspiration for the Kozy came from the carriers that came before mine. My daughter was a baby that needed to be held constantly (like most babies ;-). After many a day with back, shoulder, and neck pain (from my adjustable sling and 2 pinched nerves in my back) I was ready to try something new.

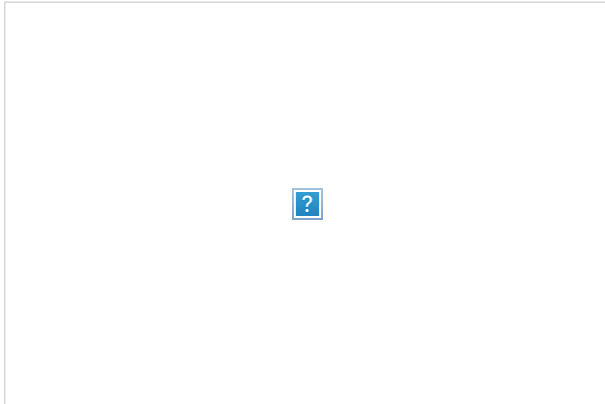
My first carrier was made on a whim in Nov 2002 when I saw a picture of a mei tai on the Internet. What a life saver that was!! The next day I made one from scraps, pretty much just winging it (there were no patterns or instructions out then). Once I learned how to tie it I put her on my back for the first time (by myself). My other carriers started gathering dust. A few weeks later I wore her on my back through several days of packing, lifting, loading and cleaning during a move. I later learned that this style of carrier is Asian and known as a "Mei Tai".



**Me and 8mo old Piper, March 2003**  
**She is front facing out in the Kozy**

Eventually I developed a carrier that worked best for me (the Kozy that you know now). Through many months of trial and error, I was able to come up with a design I loved. I did some things I had never seen done to a mei tai. I added light padding in the straps, used nice sturdy fabric, made them reversible and added a pocket and a padded head rest etc. When my sisters and my friends saw the carrier, you can imagine what happened next. You guessed it! Soon I was busy making carriers for them. They would usually furnish the fabric and I would sew them for free, as a gift. It was a labor of love and something I felt was very important. I had no intention of selling this carrier. But, upon the strong urging of family and friends I decided to sell them locally (though I really didn't advertise and only sold one or two). Almost a year after making my first mei tai (and due to circumstances in my life at the time) I decided to make them available to others online. There were only a few others out at that time and the Kozy had so many unique and more modern features (mentioned above) that the others didn't. These features made the Kozy so different from what

others had tried before, that I was immediately innundated with orders from around the world. And I guess the rest is history.



I don't claim to have "invented" this carrier (hey, I am creative, not brilliant ;-). These types of Asian style carriers have been around for a long time. I was inspired by the first one I saw online and I simply added my own ideas to the more modern versions out there today with the hopes that perhaps I could offer you something a bit "different" that might not be offered in other "asian style" carriers. And when I started selling online in 2003 the Kozy was quite unique ;-)

## About Me

My name is Kelley. I am a 30 yr old SAHM to 3 wonderful kids (and my husband is pretty great too!). I am a Christian and an advocate for breastfeeding and homebirth. We have a "natural" approach to pretty much everything, keeping in mind the way God created things. From the way they are born to the way they are raised and taught, I try to take a gentle approach with my children.

I am not a seamstress and don't claim to be. I just taught myself to sew a few years ago and since then have managed to learn quite a bit. I started out just making curtains and pillows. I got a New Native Baby Carrier when my son was born but in a few months he was getting tired of it. Not having the extra \$ to buy all the slings I wanted to try I simply started "winging it" and made my own. I have made many of the slings I have owned and used over the years from wraps, adjustable padded and unpadded slings to pouches and now front/back carriers (The Kozy of course, which is by far my favorite). I have also managed to make many of my own cloth diapers and even leather baby shoes.

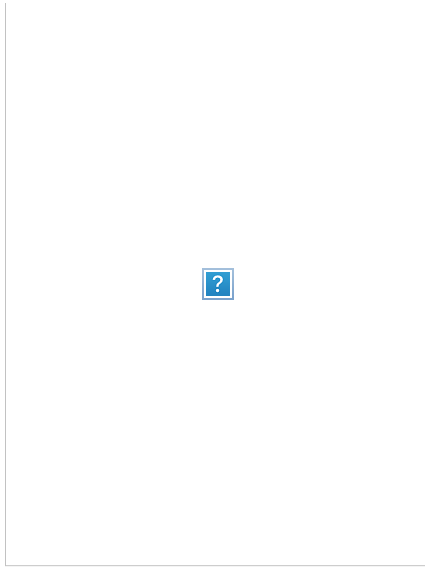
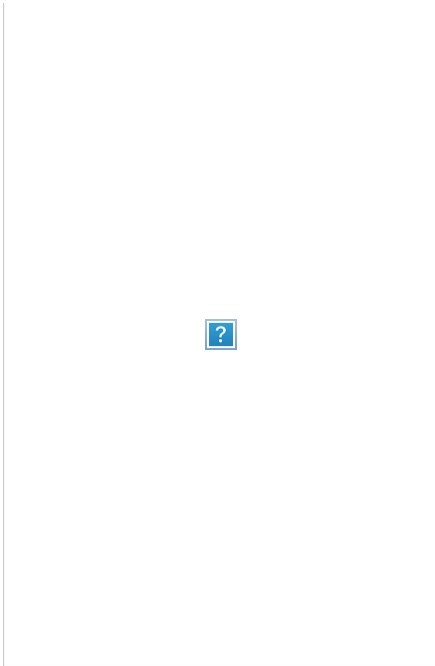
When I can squeeze in a few minutes here and there throughout the day to sew it is usually being done while a toddler plays at my feet (or tries to steal my pin cushion :-). My youngest will typically be climbing up my leg or tied securely on my back taking a nap or just chilling.

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## About Kristi

And you can meet Kristi as soon as she gives me some info to put here ;-). But for now I will just put up some pictures of her and her new husband Chris!!





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## about the *Kozy Carrier*

### *Trusting Our Instincts, Holding Our Babies*

The Kozy Carrier, and the few others out there like it, is quite unique among front/back carriers. While there are some baby carriers out there that allow you to carry your baby on your front and back, very few of them hold your baby in a way that supports his spine properly.

I know you have seen those carriers where baby's legs are dangling. These carriers are not recommended as they put too much stress on the infants spine. The Kozy Carrier has a wide base that holds baby's legs apart and keeps the knees up supporting the curve of the back, much like a baby that is held on his mothers hip. This is important for proper spine development.



Kelley (that's me) w/ her 1 yr old daughter

### [Infant Carriers and Spinal Stress](#)



15 mo. old nursing

You can wear your little one in the Kozy **on your back, on your front facing in or out, or even on your hip**. You can even nurse your little one in the Kozy in the front facing in position. And because of it's versatility, the Kozy can be worn comfortably when pregnant.

3mo old in a high back carry looking over mammas shoulder



### What the Kozy offers

- You can wear your baby on your back, front, hip, or front facing out
- It is possible to do a high back carry with a small baby to allow them to see over your shoulder
- You can wear the straps crossed on your chest or backpack style
- You can wear your child from newborn to toddler years (or beyond)
- Extra fabric at the

### The Kozy Design

The Kozy is a modern version of the Asian Mei Tai, and it was inspired by the carriers that proceeded it. I have added things to it to add in stability and comfort but have been very cautious to keep the design true to the style . . . simple, compact, and comfy.

The design itself is so amazingly simple it is not funny. It is simply a rectangle of fabric with 4 fabric straps and you just tie it on. There are no buckles or gadgets to fool with. It is this simplicity that allows it to be so extremely versatile. It will **fit a huge range of body types and sizes** and can be worn with a baby **from the day they are born till well into their toddler years!!**

The Kozy has extra features that add to comfort without sacrificing the simple design. There is **light padding in the straps and a curved top to provide head support**. To this curve I have added a touch of extra fabric for a bit of rigidity. I use extremely durable and strong fabrics which give the body the stability it needs to carry heavier weights comfortably. And just for fun ;-) I decided to make them **reversible** or with an **optional pocket**. I also do customs and silks when time allows.

*" It (Kozy) is really is a fabulous design, anymore is too much, any less is not enough"*

Bing Grant



3 wks old and Cozy  
in the Kozy



### *What can I say, I love this carrier!!*

Seriously, I do ;-) I made my first when my daughter was 5mo and I wore her on my back for hours everyday (and during her morning nap) all of my other slings (most of them also homemade) started gathering dust. I have done nearly everything with my little one on my back, even pressure-washing a house on a hot summer day.

The Kozy is truly the most comfortable carrier I have ever used. Because it holds baby's weight over both of your shoulders and your waist, you can really wear it for hours without discomfort (I know because I have). It also provides head support should your baby fall asleep! You can position a sleepy baby deep in the fabric for head support, or simply fold the bottom and let them sit up higher for a better view out or more freedom of movement.

### **The Kozy is Versatile**

I will admit that this carrier is not for everyone. It does have a learning curve and if you are not willing to put a few minutes into

top provides some head support to a small or sleeping baby

- You can position your child deeper in the fabric or position them with their arms out for more freedom

- You can nurse your baby in the Kozy in the front facing in **position**

- The Kozy body consists of a rectangle of fabric with 4 straps coming off the corners

- There are no buckles or clips, you simply tie it on

- There is a curve of fabric at the top to provide head support

- Extra fabric is added to this curve to provide a bit of rigidity

- The shoulder straps are tightly padded to provided more comfort

- The straps are wide yet still trim enough to allow you to wear it back pack style

- Less fabric means that it is extremely portable and folds down very small

- Extremely versatile and can be used by all body types

- Can be tied on in a

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