



## Baby Carrier

### Date

20th Century

### Primary Maker

Miao

### Medium

Cotton and silk

### Description

Miao baby carriers are symbolic of the love and care a mother has for her child. Baby carriers require a great deal of time and attention to make as well as a well-developed skill in embroidery. They are normally made by girls prior to marriage, but can also be made by family members of a bride and presented to a new mother and father after a baby is one month old. This baby carrier is

also missing straps. Sometimes, Miao mothers do not part with the straps of the carriers but rather retain them as a keepsake as well as a way to symbolically ensure the health of the child and the continuity of the family.

### Dimensions

27 3/4 × 21 in. (70.5 × 53.3 cm)