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[Check out Rayven's books on Amazon.](#)

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Use this simple surrogacy guide designed to help Intended Parents. Intended Parents is a term used for those looking to find a Surrogate Mother.

How to use this guide: Follow the steps below if you are new to the process or just need a step-by-step outline to get organized. Depending on where you are at with your journey, you may have already done one or more of these steps. Pick up where you have left off.

Step 1: Research

The most important thing you can possibly do to prepare for a surrogacy journey is research. This critical first step, when ignored, can lead to massive problems during your journey and beyond.

Those who do not do proper research on the surrogate process may find they are put into uncomfortable (and avoidable) situations or may find that they should never have entered into it in the first place.

Lucky for you, the [Information on Surrogacy](#) website exists! Everything you need to get a firm understanding of how surrogacy works is right there.

Here's what you do: start at the navigation bar on the bottom of the website, where you see the words "[About Surrogacy](#)". Click on this link. This page links to several more pages about the process; click on each page and read.

Then, once you are finished with all the pages on the "[About Surrogacy](#)" tab, move onto the "[Gestational Surrogacy](#)" tab. Go through all the pages there, and so on, until you end up with the final tab on the navigation menu.

You'll learn a lot by going through this website, which is dedicated to provide free information to all Surrogate Mothers and Intended Parents. After reading through the website, if you have further questions that haven't been answered for you, [join us on Facebook](#) where your question will be answered.

Step 2: Support

After doing your research, the next step is to get your support team in order. First, most importantly, you need to make sure that your spouse (or partner) is 100% on-board with your decision of surrogacy.

If your spouse is not sure, uninterested, or against it, then surrogacy may not be what is best for you. In addition to your spouse's support, now is the time to tell your close friends and family, and see how they feel about your decision. You may encounter those who are against surrogacy, but it's better to practice these conversations now, and listen to their point of view before you actually get started.

If you have a spouse who is 100% on-board, any negative feelings other close friends or family express shouldn't stop you from continuing if you feel it is right. This is also the time in the process to sit down with your spouse and discuss all the issues that could happen; selective reduction, abortion for genetic defects, the possibility of getting a surrogate or intended parents who are suddenly unreasonable, the possibility of unsuccessful surrogacy, how many embryos you should transfer, and what compensation you would like to pay among other things.

Figure out these issues well in advance of Step 3.

Step 3: Matching

Congratulations! If you have completed Step 1 and Step 2, it's now time to find your perfect match! If you haven't completed Step 1 and Step 2, do that now. Matching without having done your research or gotten your support team set up is foolish.

Now it's time to decide if you will be using an agency, or you plan an independent surrogacy match. It might be best to re-read the [Matching section](#) at this time.

Place an ad on our [Surrogacy Classifieds board](#), and take your time! You've done your research so you know how important it is to get to know your surrogate mother or intended parents before moving onto the next step.

Step 4: Legal & Clinic

Parts of this next step can be done simultaneously with Step 3. There are two parts to Step 4: Legal and Clinic.

Legal

The first part, Legal, references both finding the best attorney and formulating and signing a contract.

You need to have your own attorney. Commercial surrogacy, whether it is with those you have met during your surrogate journey or friends you have known for a long time, requires both parties to obtain separate legal counsel.

All arrangements, even those between siblings, need to have a legal contract in place. This is above and beyond anything else to protect the baby and allow the proper parents to be named in the court system. Get a lawyer and do things right.

Clinic

As Intended Parents, you are the decision makers when it comes to choosing an infertility clinic. This is often done in advance of even considering surrogacy, but if a clinic has not yet been chosen, it needs to be now, actually before contracts are signed.

Step 5: Testing

Generally after the contracts are signed testing is done on the Surrogate Mother and her spouse. Some Intended Parents, clinics, agencies, or lawyers would like this completed before the contracts are signed, and that is fine, so long as there is a notarized, legal form stating that the Intended Parents are responsible for the costs (that are not covered by the Surrogate Mother's health insurance) of these tests.

If you are in a situation where testing is required before signing a contract, make sure you have it in writing what you as the Intended Parents are responsible for as far as fees go.

Step 6: Moving Forward

You know what you're doing. Your spouse is behind you. You've gone through matching, and contracts, and testing.

Now it's time to get going! Your chosen clinic will work out plans with you to get rolling towards the IBF transfer.

Take care of yourself well. This can be a stressful season with long periods of waiting. Do whatever you can to manage stress and be at peace. Give yourself and your partner lots of grace.

Congratulations on your surrogate journey. May you be blessed with healthy children!

To find all of the resources mentioned in this helpful report, go to [Information on Surrogacy](#).

Simple Surrogacy Checklist

On the website, go to the “[About Surrogacy](#)” tab on the bottom navigation bar and click. Go through the links and read the pages. Do this for the “[Gestational Surrogacy](#)” tab **and all the tabs** until you reach the final tab of the navigation menu. Write down any unanswered questions and go to the [Facebook group](#) where all of your questions will be answered.

Make sure that your spouse/partner is 100% on board with your decision of surrogacy. Talk to your close friends and family about your choice.

Decide if you want to use a commercial surrogacy agency or an independent surrogate match. Re-read the matching section. Place an ad in the surrogacy classified board. Take your time!

Find an attorney and formulate/sign a contract. You must have your own attorney. If an infertility clinic has not been identified yet, this needs to be done.

After the contract is complete, testing is done on the Surrogate Mother and her spouse. Intended Parents are responsible for these costs. If it is before the contract is signed, make sure there is a legal document stating that the Intended Parents are responsible for the costs.

Move ahead with plans for your IBF transfer!