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I'm not a midwife like some articles claim. I studied midwifery when I got the idea of birth photography. I was the first birth photographer in the Netherlands.

When I documented my first birth, it was the midwife who showed the parents how the baby was positioned in the womb. I loved this photo so much and I noticed it was so nice for the parents to see! You see the baby coming out, but once they out it's so hard to imagine that they were ever inside of you. This gives you a little idea how it fitted. Since I documented my first birth (2011), I often ask the midwife to hold the baby like this (if the baby's temperature is good and there is time).

Parents see the photos I take and a lot of them request this photo. It's normally the mom who wants her partner to hold the baby this way, but not all dads dare to do it. Sometimes I show them how to hold the baby and then give the baby to them, but if the midwife is there, they ask often ask the midwife too :-). It makes it just a little more special if the dad does it. It has been in the mums belly for so long and after 9 months his child fits exactly in his hand like it was in the belly. Nothing more special if you ask me. You get a lot of ooh's and aaaah's once it's shown to them. They love to see how their baby actually fitted.

I documented exactly 99 births and birth number 100 where I was present was my own. My daughter Liv was born on the 6th of July and the birth was documented by Lobke Koppens. She followed my workshop birth photography, so I trained her myself. Of course I asked her to take a photo of my daughter the way she was in the womb. I planned a water birth at home, but it ended in a c-section so luckily Lobke reminded me of this photo. Denny didn't hesitate to hold Liv like this and I really love this photo!

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Not that I am a mother myself, it made me realize even more how important photos are. Not only to remember one of the most special moments in your life, but also to process the birth and everything that happened. I look at the photos a lot and I am sure it is so cool for Liv when she grows up to look back and see how much her parents enjoyed having her!

If you have any other questions don't hesitate to contact me. I'll be happy to answer questions.

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