

# **Pointers For Parents-To-Be**

## **Expectant Wear With Unexpected Flair**

(NAPS)—Women expecting to add maternity wear to their wardrobe may find it easier to also add style and flair with some advice from the experts.

Here are a few maternity fashion questions answered by Rebecca Matthias, President of Motherhood Maternity®, the largest maternity retailer nationwide.

**Q:** I'm on a tight budget but I still want to look fashionable during my pregnancy—what are five essential items I will need to get me through the next few months?

**A:** Stick to the basics, such as a fabulous white button down shirt, and black pants that can go from casual to dressy in a flash. Also invest in a simple black dress to wear to the office or to a party and comfortable fitting jeans. One of the most important wardrobe staples is a supportive bra. Opt for a seamless microfiber bra that looks great under sweaters or t-shirts and also features adjustable straps that will grow with you through the last few months.

**Q:** My body is changing so much these days that I no longer feel sexy around my husband. What can I get to boost both of our moods?

**A:** Lingerie. It worked before and it can work again. One sexy look is silk shorts and a tank which can add heat to any relationship. A silky nightgown and short robe could do the trick as well.

**Q:** I know that all the celebrities are showing off their pregnant bodies, but I'm just not that daring. What can I get that will show off my figure but not so much skin?

**A:** A pair of black faux leather pants may be just what you're looking for. Form-fitting and sexy, these pants can help a woman bring some glamour into her life. Pair them with a fitted tank top with a built-in bra and you're set.



**Q:** I have an important business event that I need to attend. I feel really big now and would love something that is fashionable, classic and not so bulky.

**A:** For business functions I would stick with a classic black suit. A black crepe suit with a jacket fitted at the waist can make you look slimmer and crepe fabric is so light it will not add extra weight.

If you want to be a little sexy, wear a skirt instead of pants, with a pair of support hosiery that look and feel great.

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**Note to Editors:** This is the first in a four-part series on maternity wear.