

Style

eyecatchers

Perk up around peepers

La Mer is back with Eye Concentrate, an eye cream with La Mer's special sea kelp that is harvested twice a year. Other ingredients include calcium and citrus oil. Eye Concentrate is said to re-energize the area around the eye with magnetized hematite, as well as hydrate and soften. Purchase the cream for \$160 at Saks Fifth Avenue or Neiman Marcus or www.lamer.com.



La Mer

New products put bright face forward

Miss Sixty and cosmetic brand Too Faced introduce an addition to their makeup novella series of color cosmetics. The Miss Sixty Quickie Chronicle kit includes four glosses, a quad eyeshadow, duo eyeliner cake and blush in colors such as white pearl to "wake up" eyes and nude shimmer for use as a glowing cheek color or face highlighter. The kit is available for \$25 at Sephora stores and www.toofaced.com.

You can give hair Lush look, fresh smell

Since Lush washed up in Atlanta at Lenox Square, things just haven't smelled the same. The purveyor of fresh, handmade cosmetics recently introduced a new hair-care line with shampoo and pre-wash treatments, as well as three vegan styling gels. The Big Tease helps hair behave while improving overall texture with cocoa butter, glycerin and oils. The gel costs \$15.95 at Lush.



Lush

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carrying in style

Muumuus, maternity wear shelved as expecting moms reveal baby bumps

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Halle Berry wearing a form-fitting Dolce & Gabbana dress is no big deal. But at five months pregnant?

And no, D&G has not launched a maternity line.

Though maternity wear has moved beyond the muumuu in recent years, for many proud and fashionable pregnant women, the limited styles still leave something to be desired.

Maybe it's the influence of the Hollywood baby boom and pregnant celebrities accustomed to wearing clothing by their favorite designers that has led some pregnant women to banish maternity clothes altogether.

Berry recently confessed to People Magazine that she couldn't fathom wearing maternity clothes. She hopes to make it to month eight or nine without resorting to maternity gear, she said. And fashion, particularly this season, is on her side.

She was referring, of course, to body friendly trends such as baby doll dresses, empire waistlines, tunics and leggings. In fact, being pregnant may be the easy way out.

"People who aren't pregnant have to make sure they don't look pregnant," said a seven months pregnant Elizabeth Schulte Roth, "Their loss is our gain."

Roth, editor in chief of Atlanta Peach Magazine, purchased a handful of maternity items — two pairs of jeans by Seven for All Mankind and a couple of Michael Stars shirts. By day, she pairs leggings from American Apparel in every imaginable color and tops such as knit dresses from Theory and Intermix with comfortable flats.

For evening, Roth has relied on finds from designer Tory Burch, including the sparkly sequined dress that she rocked to a party with a five-month bump.

The look had such pop and shine, she said, that she didn't feel like the pregnant girl in the room.

"The only thing I'm worried about is, is it going to stretch too much so that I can't have it taken in later," Roth said.

Roth also invested in accessories such as a pair of Tory Burch boots and statement making jewelry, which helps change up her look.

For another expecting local fashionista, foregoing maternity wear was all about proudly displaying her bump.

"I've tried to get styles that are fitted to show off my belly," said Shannon Kitchens, owner of Sage boutiques. "I wanted to show off and be excited about my pregnancy."

In the summer, Kitchens, who is eight and a half months pregnant, wore lots of jersey with her jeans. "I was able to go in my own closet and my own store to find things that fit," she said. She chose flirty tops with empire waistlines and sweaters with trim silhouettes. "I didn't want to look like I had a muumuu on," Kitchens said. For evening, she urges pregnant women not to shy away from prints.

Nonmaternity maternity dressing may not be for the fashion dilettante, as it takes some skill to do it well, but with so many other things to stress about during pregnancy, maybe focusing on fashion isn't such a bad thing.

"It's been a fun challenge," said Roth, "and it keeps your mind off of other things, like decorating the nursery."



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Elizabeth Schulte Roth goes for atypical leggings.



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Shannon Kitchens likes to show off her pregnancy.



Jennifer Lopez has adopted loose shapes for her pregnancy.

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Actress **Halle Berry** hopes to avoid maternity wear until her eighth or ninth month. Until then, she's been seen in designer labels.

Maternity wear? Not for these fashionable moms

The Hollywood baby boom has inspired a revolution in maternity wear. No more shapeless frocks for these soon-to-be moms. Many are still wearing designer gear, instead of hitting the maternity racks.

Halle Berry, 41
Due: Spring 2008
Berry has been spotted in designer gear including a form fitting strapless Dolce & Gabbana dress. Berry recently told People magazine that she would try to avoid maternity clothes until her eighth or ninth month.

Nicole Richie, 26
Due: January 2008
Maybe it's the rocker influence of boyfriend Joel Madden, but Richie has held on to her trademark skinny jeans during her pregnancy, paired with hip T-shirts and comfy shoes.

Christina Aguilera, 26
Due: January 2008
Aguilera may have been outed by Paris Hilton, but she's now wearing clingy knit sweater dresses to show off her belly.

Jennifer Lopez, 38
Due: Spring 2008
Lopez just announced her pregnancy earlier this month, which may explain her more demure look. She's appearing on stage in flowing gowns and on the street in dresses with forgiving shapes.

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Christina Aguilera (left) and **Nicole Richie** stay in fashion.

