

MOTHER OF THE BRIDE

Beth Dadswell has some smart ideas for outfits that will help you to look your best without upstaging the bride

BEING THE MOTHER OF the bride doesn't mean that you should blend into the background. In fact, modern weddings dictate quite the opposite. This is your chance to shine in all your finery and show the younger guests how to do it in style. Frumpy florals combined with acres of pleats just won't cut the mustard; instead stick to a sleeker silhouette in a chic neutral colour like navy, oyster or plum and accessorise with a decorative clutch bag. If you like hats, the small but perfectly formed designs from Jane Taylor add a touch of drama, otherwise stick to a great cut and blow dry. And add some subtle sparkle in the form of a statement necklace.



1 PLUM DRESS, £115, by LK Bennett (0844-581 5881; www.lkbennett.com).

2 SILK JACKET, £225, by LK Bennett (0844-581 5881; www.lkbennett.com).

3 COURT SHOES, £90, by Nine West at Kurt Geiger (0845-257 2571; www.kurtgeiger.com).

4 BEADED CLUTCH BAG, £45, by Monsoon (0844-811 0069; www.monsoon.co.uk).

5 HANDBAG, £125, by Love Moschino at House of Fraser (0845-602 1073; www.houseoffraser.co.uk).

6 NECKLACE, £55, by Hobbs (0845-313 3130; www.hobbs.co.uk).

7 PATENT PUMPS, £60, by French Connection at Kurt Geiger (0845-257 2571; www.kurtgeiger.com).

8 PRINTED DRESS, £99, by Kaliko at John Lewis (0845-604 9049; www.johnlewis.com).

9 DRESS, £129, by Planet at John Lewis (0845-604 9049; www.johnlewis.com).

10 BRACELET, £70, by Lola Rose at House of Fraser (0845-602 1073; www.houseoffraser.co.uk).

11 SUEDE COURT SHOES, £120, by Pied à Terre (www.piedaterre.com).

12 BEADED CARDIGAN, £49.50, by Marks & Spencer (0845-609 0200; www.marksandspencer.com).
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