

## Brenda Cooper

Glamour girl

"Black stretch velvet is the answer!" This is not exactly the cry you'd expect from a woman who is eight and a half months pregnant, but Cooper isn't your usual mother-to-be. The Emmy award-winning stylist for *The Nanny* and fashion expert on E!'s *Fashion Emergency* is the mother of two sons, Clayton and new baby Austin. She is from Hertfordshire, England, lives with her husband and kids in L.A., works frequently in New York City and is "absolutely passionate about clothes."

Cooper's advice is simple:

"Dress in comfortable, formfitting silhouettes that you can build on, and be resourceful."

To create a matte, unbroken line, start with a dark solid for the base layer (that's where the black stretch velvet comes in), and put whatever your heart desires on top. For work, Cooper chose blazers in bright primaries, including yellow satin. She wore stretch skirts as tube tops or took long dresses and cut them off to wear as tight tunics over pants.

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"People want to touch it, not see it." For fancy dress, she wore unconventional fabrics such as animal-print stretch satin. As you can see, Cooper obviously isn't one to shrink from drama.

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