



## TALKING TEXTILES

**TRY MICROFIBRE FOR LINGERIE THAT WILL KEEP YOU FEELING COMFY RIGHT THROUGH YOUR PREGNANCY**

Forget cotton, lycra and satin – lingerie brands are opting to use microfibre to provide you with that silky feel your body desires.

A combination of nylon and polyester, microfibre is known for its strength, softness and ability to absorb moisture and sweat. It is also stretchy to let you move freely, won't lose its shape over time, and is easy to clean and fast drying.

Popular brand Cake Lingerie provides a range of stylish wire-free maternity and nursing lingerie in this great material. Creative director Tracey Montford says, 'All the fabrics are stringently tested for quality, colour-fastness and shrinkage to ensure longevity. The accessories are nickel free to avoid adverse skin reactions.'

The nursing bras are topped off with cotton lining, too, so they will help keep your skin cool – particularly helpful during pregnancy. *Strawberry Shortcake bra, \$64.95, and French knickers, \$32.95. Visit cakelingerie.com.au for more information.*

## WHAT A GREAT IDEA!

It isn't often that nappy wipe containers are considered trendy. If you've ever wished for one that offers more than practicality, the Dash Clutch from Dash Baby may be the solution. Airtight, durable and made of safe "food grade" plastic, it's ideal for any mum on the go. Practical and stylish, from basic black to leopard print, buy yours for \$25 each from dashbaby.com.au.



## MC LOVES

Janice Schmitzer, a grandmother of three, launched Ivy Emerald in 2008. Dedicated to providing heirloom quality christening gowns, flower girl frocks, and gifts for baby showers and newborns, Janice offers a gorgeous range of clothing and accessories for boys and girls. Hand-sewn with Swarovski crystals, this 100 percent silk dupion Abbey gown, \$650, is available in white, ivory or silver mink in sizes 00 to 2. Bonnets, bibs, shoes, wraps – even frilly silk undies – can also be purchased from ivyemerald.com.au.

## FIVE FAVOURITES

**BAMBINI PRONTO'S DIRECTOR, JULIE DESILVA, LETS US IN ON HER FIVE BEST-LOVED PRODUCTS**

A mum of two girls, Julie prides herself on providing superior products that make babies' lives safer and family life more rewarding. Here are her favourite items:

- 1 GROBAG EGG DIGITAL NURSERY THERMOMETER** An Australian nursery icon, I still use this in my girls' rooms – and they're now seven and nine. Available from David Jones for \$69.95.
- 2 JOHN CRANE REVERSIBLE BAKERY AND GROCERY SHOP** The detail in the food is fantastic. Plus it doesn't take up too much room. Available from bambinipronto.com.au for \$159.95.
- 3 HOT MILK UNDERWEAR** I missed wearing nice underwear when I was pregnant and breastfeeding. Take a look at hotmilklingerie.com.au.
- 4 THREE LITTLE TREES RANGE** Features the Butterfly dress, \$54.95 (pictured), which is a modern take on something mum made for me as a young girl. Log on to threelittletrees.com.au.
- 5 MY LAPTOP WITH WIRELESS INTERNET** A must-have if you are working and have kids.

