

Cosmetics, who stitched elastic panels into the waistbands of Helmut Lang pants and the seams of Dries van Noten blouses. "When you find a designer you like, you don't want to have to give the clothes up because you're pregnant." For like-minded do-it-yourselfers, the Denim Doctors at Fred Segal in Los Angeles will tailor jeans to fit an expanding girth for a fee of \$30, while Liz Lange Maternity sells elasticized, pull-up versions of jeans by labels like Citizens of Humanity and Earl for \$175 a pair. Bella Bands -- soft, stretchy tubes for the waist (\$25.95 at www.pregnancystore.com) -- can provide wardrobe extensions by letting women wear regular skirts and pants, unbuttoned and unzipped. And Dynasty Tailors in New York City (212-679-1075) and Susie's Custom Design in Los Angeles (323-462-5520) will maternize clothes with elastic triangles or panels for \$35 to \$45 a garment. DANIELLE PERGAMENT

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