

CANADIAN family

WE ♥ MOM!



SHOW & TELL

All the sweetest treats and funnest finds.

1 MATERNITY LINGERIE LINE

state of undress

Moms, get ready to swoon—finally, a lingerie line that understands what it is like to be sexy with babe in arm and diaper bag in tow. A Dutch-based company known for its signature combination of decadent designs and oh-so-comfy craftsmanship has recently expanded into the mommy market, with a line of stellar nursing bras and matching panties that will win over practically every audience with their feminine details, ultra-supportive straps and easy-to-manoeuvre feeding-time fastenings. *Undressed Maternity Collection, starting at \$76 for bottoms, \$130 for nursing bras, Marlies Dekkers.*

2 BATH TIME

da bomb

This Mother's Day we encourage all moms to put their feet up and tune out the sounds of crying children and clanging pots (from the gourmet dinner preparation by dad, of course) and take a break in a deliciously scented bubble bath. May we suggest the Turbo Bubble Bar from Lush? Oozing with the scents of yvetert, ylang ylang and jasmine, this vegan-friendly bath time sensation creates heaps of glittering aromatic foam that is designed to tranquilize, relieve tension and, oh yeah, acts as an aphrodisiac to help steam up the day devoted to you. *Lush Retro Turbo Bubble Bar, \$7, Lush.com.*

3 PERSONALIZED JEWELLERY

family branding

After the heyday of BFF necklaces, we swore we would stop literally wearing our hearts on our sleeves, but alas, we fell in love with this dainty charm bracelet. It looks like it could come from our favorite turquoise box, but it is actually created by an Ontario-based mommy. Made from reclaimed silver nitrate found in movie film, each bracelet is 99.9% pure silver, and the fingerprint charms—which are created from a take-home impressions kit and completed by a Dimples jeweller—can be added as your family grows. *Dimples bracelet, starting at \$200, Dimples.*

4 DIAPER BAG IN DISGUISE

mama in the city

For the days when you feel a little more *Sex and the City* than *Jon and Kate Plus 8*, here's the City Satchel. This slick bag still has the function you love as a mom: wipeable and moisture-resistant fabrics, convertible straps that transform it from an over-the-shoulder bag to a backpack, and loads of interior and exterior pockets for bottles, wipes and mom stuff. But the genuine leather or metallic leatherette finishes and ultra-hip design will have you holding on to it longer than the shelf life of your diaper rash cream. *City Satchel, starting at \$150, Posh Mom.*

5 DIGITAL CLUTCH

on the go-go

Mommies on the go, allow us to introduce to you the digital clutch. This compact computer's purse-like appearance and the peony-print exterior, echoing New York fashion designer Vivienne Tam's 2009 spring collection, keeps you on trend, and the 10.2-inch screen (great for kids watching movies in the car), Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities, one-inch compact thickness and two-pound weight makes it perfect for "information snacking." With many of the capabilities of a full-sized notebook and the portability of a Smartphone, mommies can stay connected from play dates in the park to girl's night out and business trips in Montreal. *HP Mini 1000 Vivienne Tam Edition, \$800, Hewlett-Packard.*

"When looking to buy a nursing bra, the fasteners should be tight on the last hook. The rib cage will decrease in size in the first few weeks, so it is better to buy a bra that is tight and add an extender that you can remove after a few weeks."—Bra-fitting expert Lilliana Mann of Linea Intima.

