

wardrobe crisis

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[Q] My son is getting married in July. I have bad thread veins and don't like to wear a skirt or dress above the knee, but I still want to look modern and stylish.

A. I have been waiting for a question such as this as I have a brilliant brand up my sleeve that deserves some applause: The Old Ladies' Rebellion offers interesting, flattering, cleverly designed clothes from the twentysomething French designer

Fanny Karst, who was inspired by her grandmother. Karst's beautiful handmade clothes blend humour, elegance and practicality in simple silk dresses that bring the older woman back into fashion — and suit women of all ages.

The dress I have in mind for you is shown right, and costs £500 (oldladiesrebellion.com). The regal blue is strong and feminine and the quirky play on a dinner suit's bow tie and bib add some extra fun — mothers of the groom don't need to be a serious species. The sleeves and subtle shoulder pads mean that you won't need to fiddle around with a jacket and the hem is plenty decent enough. If you need something feathery



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for your hair, either stick to the classic colour palette or go for something wild and contrasting such as a strong raspberry or bold green.

Betty Jackson has a generous selection of lovely day dresses that could work for your son's wedding. One in particular — number 12 in the spring/summer collection online — is taupe and covered in a winding, elegant blossom print, priced at £397. It is striking and the hem is safely below the knee. See her website, bettyjackson.com, for more inspiration.

In terms of shoes, try a simple pointy court with a slingback. L.K. Bennett has a brilliant shoe called the Rachel (£180, lkbennett.com) that would work perfectly; it has a low kitten heel and a pretty cutout detail around the front so that it won't look too heavy.

