

## Wifely Fashions



Wives have had it tough lately: Dina Matos McGreevy. Silda Spitzer. Britney Spears. The chicks on ABC television show, *Wife Swap* (Although who would want to be them?) Even Democratic Presidential nominee, Hillary Clinton.

So in this era of wife abuse, it's way cool that a designer with local ties is celebrating the awesomeness of getting married with a line of contemporary

sportswear, [Wifeville](#).

Jen Gorman, (whose husband, Patrick, hails from Gwynedd Valley) loves her husband and is proud to be a wife! Gorman, Thus spawned the title of this fashion line. (This is a shoutout to A Tribe Called Quest's *Midnight Marauders*, which is wholly unrelated, but remains the best CD ever made.) Gorman, who lives in Baltimore, worked on Capitol Hill as a legislative assistant to the U.S. Senate. And still, despite all the lying and cheating we know she saw, she is excited to be a wife.

Back to the line. The T-shirt sayings are cute: Wonder Wife. Wife A Go Go. The Wife is Right (stylized like The Price is Right) and Lucky Wife. It also includes tees, undies, lounge pants, hoodies, aprons - that might be saying something subliminally I'm not quite ready for - bathing suits and cover ups. It's all about being comfy, sexy and casually, husband-appealing.

But the really cool thing is that it gives women hope. With all this domestic crap going on, we sometimes forget that being married can be a good thing. Marriage doesn't necessarily strip women of their independence. It doesn't mean we are weak. Every man isn't going to hide all the money in Swiss bank accounts and leave us penniless. (OK, I've read too many Terri McMillan novels.) Aren't two heads better than one? If a sistah has landed a good man, I can't think of a better reason to Partay!

And then, just maybe, more of us will get the chance to celebrate being a wife!

For those already hitched, you can buy the shirts at [Jac's Urbanwear](#), in Newtown, or on-line.

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The Mirror Image team consists of Inquirer and philly.com writers with a passion for fashion and an eye for the trends. We live to shop and shop to live, but always appreciate a good sale. We know that "What I am going to wear?" is a serious question, possibly requiring consultation and multiple outfit changes. We believe beauty treatments can be a necessity instead of a luxury, and consider awards shows required viewing. Above all, we strive to bring style into our daily lives - and have fun telling others about it.

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