

Would you share clothes with your daughter?

No longer a fashion faux pas – for you or them! Meet the mothers and daughters who like to look alike...

Whether mums are dressing younger or daughters are dressing older,

more of us are meeting in the middle of the generation gap.

It's a trend that's typified by the Middletons. When the Duchess of Cambridge wore her mother's blue Reiss dress for her first public speech last year, the nation went all a-Twitter, debating who looked best in the outfit worn by Carole Middleton two years earlier at Ascot.

What's more, a recent study found that modern mums have a stronger desire to copy their daughter's style than vice versa.

So would you share outfits? We spoke to stylish mothers and daughters who say a resounding 'yes' to that fashionable question.

THE MUM

We wear the same clothes, different ways

Gay Richardson, 52, a personal stylist from Worthing, West Sussex, and daughter Jessie Richardson, 23, an assistant make-up artist from London, save money by co-buying clothes and pooling their resources.

Gay says: I want to look stylish, not 'muttony' – it's a fine line in your 50s and it's a worry for the women I style [stylemeconfident.co.uk].

Jessie is fashionable but classic in her style. I'd never share clothes with my other daughter Paris, who's 21, because her style is too young – little dresses and jeggings with crop tops. I also draw the line at studs. It's a look that is very trendy and Jessie is mad about them. She has a studded handbag,

necklace and heels, but they are age-inappropriate for me.

Jessie and I often wear the same clothes but in different ways. We share a black maxi skirt, which Jessie wears with a neutral vest, denim jacket and flat sandals, while I'll smarten it up with a fitted chiffon top from Henry Holland at Debenhams, wedges and chunky jewellery.

Our Saturday ritual is a visit to Topshop. Older women shouldn't be scared to go in – they just need to pick out what suits them and then mix it up with what they already have in their wardrobe.

THE DAUGHTER

Mum and I often split the price of stuff we both like

Jessie says: I've raided Mum's wardrobe since I was 14. We're the same body shape – small waist, big hips – and both like to shop at Zara, H&M and Topshop.

My taste is plainer than Mum's, but with a tough edge. My daytime look is raspberry skinny jeans, which I share with Mum, a grey T-shirt from Zara and flat sandals. At night, I add studded heels.

Although we wear similar basics, Mum experiments with pattern and colour more and will wear our raspberry skinnies with a white ruffle shirt and dinner jacket.

We both love Topshop's Baxter skinny jeans and Mum bought the same River Island shoe boots as me. I turn to Mum's wardrobe for dressy stuff, such as her vintage Jean Muir maxi dress and a snakeskin-print tuxedo I borrowed for a party.

We often split the price of stuff we both like, such as a jumper we bought from Cos for £60 recently, then we take it in turns to wear it. Now we live apart, one of us has the item for half the month, then hands it over when we meet up.

Jessie, River Island. Gay wears jacket and skirt, both Topshop. Jessie wears T-shirt, Zara

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