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KERRY WASHINGTON REVEALS 'SCANDAL' COSTUME DESIGNER DRESSES HER 1-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER

A chic baby wardrobe? It's handled.



Scandal's Olivia Pope is more than just a D.C. power player with a knack for resolving political catastrophes; she's become a bona fide style icon—and Kerry Washington, the woman responsible for bringing such a fashion forward HBIC to life, is completely aware.

Which is why the actress has already employed the talents of Lyn Paolo (the costume designer who's carefully curated Pope's image over the years) to start dressing her one-year-old daughter, Isabelle. "I love her so much and I've learned so much from her,"

Washington **said in a speech** honoring Paolo with a *Variety & WWD* "StyleMakers" award. "I trust her with my life, I trust her to dress my child, which she does."

A chic closet to match mom's designer pieces? It's handled. We can already envision the infant-sized Dolce & Gabbana jackets, tiny Armani pants and mini Max Mara robe coats that might be part of an Olivia Pope-inspired baby wardrobe.

Adorable designer dreams aside though, Washington explained that Paolo's talents have reached far beyond sartorial savvy for her child. She added: "[Paolo's] taught me to be a better mom, she's taught me to be a better actor, she's taught me to be a better leader, a better human being and a better dresser."

While Washington is happy to pass down her TV alter-ego's almost-iconic look, that's the *only* part of her character she'd like for her kid to inherit. "I've always thought it was misguided when people tell me that Olivia is their role model," **she admitted earlier this year**. "Because she's having an affair with a married man, who is President of the United States. *And* a murderer."

As long as little Isabelle only follows Miss Pope's style compass—and not her moral one—we think she'll be fine.