



FRUMPY FASHION The first lady is hiding her attractive, perfect size 8 figure under this unflattering pantsuit

New first lady of fashion

Out with the old, in with the new - style that is. Incoming first lady Laura Bush is updating her look. While former librarian Laura's no-fuss fashion was a hit deep in the heart of Texas, she knows the White House demands a more sophisticated image. With a little computer magic, STAR can show how George W.'s wife would look if she took a leaf out of Candice Bergen, Diane Sawyer and Jane Seymour's fashion book.

The fashion spotlight is on Laura Bush, the wife of new president George W. Bush. And experts say she could be the most stylish first lady since Jackie Kennedy.

She's already gotten off to a good start with her inauguration outfit, a red, figure-hugging gown designed by fellow Texan Michael Faircloth.

"I think the dress will hit the right note," says Roberta Myers, editor-in-chief of Elle magazine.

Still, to make as great a fashion impact as the Queen of Camelot, Laura, 54, could use a boost, say design pros.

"Mrs. Bush needs to wear only top-quality clothing," Mathilda Rosenberg, CEO and chief designer of Kookla International Clothing, tells STAR.

"Chanel suits are traditional yet stylish, and Armani suits would give her the tailoring she needs to look classy."

Laura also needs to update her hair and makeup, says David Brothers, owner of the Wilder Brothers Hair Salon on Hollywood's Melrose Avenue.

"Laura Bush is pretty, but her hairstyle is too much of a bubble," he tells STAR. "She looks like she's wearing a helmet. I'd

lop off the sides to lengthen her face, then layer the top."

- ROBIN MIZRAHI

BELLE OF THE BALL

RED ROSE OF TEXAS

Laura turned to fellow Texan Michael Faircloth for her figure-hugging, ruby red inaugural gown. It took three women 100 hours to sew the sparkly crystals all over the elegant Chantilly lace that marks Laura's stylish debut. Watch out, Jennifer Lopez!



OLD LOOK

CANDICE BERGEN LOOK

MURPHY BLUE

"Candice Bergen always looks elegant and understated in her suits," says fashion pro Mathilda Rosenberg. "Laura can, too, and exude the same femininity along with a sense of originality"



DIANE SAWYER LOOK

NEWS HUES Laura can borrow the veteran newsgal's smart, stylish business suits to "accentuate her powerful position," says Rosenberg, "and add a touch of extra authority"

JANE SEYMOUR LOOK

GOOD MEDICINE When the occasion is semi-formal, Laura should take a page from the Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman's style book. "Jane looks fantastic in cocktail dresses," Rosenberg explains. "Showing some leg gives an outfit a lot of fun and lightness"

