



MOTHER MAY I? taught by Tami Taylor



ROUND 2: MOTHER ON PEER PRESSURE

Children learn at an early age the battle of peer pressure. Though it never truly goes away, adults find slightly easier to ignore the struggle of social acceptance for staying true to one's self. This happens with a lot of guidance from our mothers.

Here are a few of those guiding comments mother gave.



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PEER PRESSURE MOM-ISM #1

Mother says: *I don't care who started it, you stop it.*

Translation: *Stop.* (Seriously, some of these are that easy to translate)



the *dutiful daughter*
will stop straightaway.

Scrapbooking, just as any other facet of life has trends. From the deco scissors to mushrooms to owls, with each season comes the new "in" thing to have on pages. What about making your own embellishments to personalize your page more? What are you into? What do you collect? Can you make your own embellishment to reflect you?

the *wild child*

likes sticking with the mainstream.

What trend are you gaga over? Have you gotten your hand on some new product you are dying to use? Then use it! Show off your skills with the latest and greatest product or technique.

Can you tell that Doris Sander is gaga over stitching in "Symphony?"



FASHION MOM-ISM #2

Mother says: *If everyone else jumps off a cliff, are you going to follow?*

Translation: *Are you capable of thinking for yourself?*

the *dutiful*
daughter
will think for herself.

What do you want? Without all the hype or fancy ads, without worry of being politically correct or what is expected from you, what is on your wish list right now? Share your desires, do you want something simple like a new book or expensive like a custom built laptop. Perhaps your wish list is a little more on the extreme side and you'd like a shiny new sports car to drive to crops. Whatever it is, share it.

the *wild child*
jumps off the cliff with her friends. *Viper!*



Dutiful daughter Tami Blanchard is after a Dodge

We often joke on message boards of "enablers" those pesky posters who share links to new products, discount codes and sales. How often we follow those links to purchase product we probably don't need and sometimes after the purchase realize we get a little buyers' remorse. Have you fallen for media hype? Do you have a story of a purchase that you "had to have" only later to realize it didn't live up to the expectation?

FASHION MOM-ISM #3

Mother says: *There is one, and only one, you*

Translation: *I love you (Or she thinks whatever antic you just did is ridiculous and doesn't think anyone else in the world would have thought to do that.)*



the *dutiful*
daughter
will celebrate her uniqueness.

Go get your camera and take pictures of your possessions that are your favorites. These are the things that make you, "you". Simple photos that will share your tastes and



likes down the road. What are your favorite shoes? Where's your favorite place in your home? What are your favorite beauty products?

Michelle Houghton does this in "My Friend."

the *wild child*
most likely heard the latter translation.

Did you pull some crazy antics in your youth? What was the craziest thing you did growing up? What did you learn from it? Were you the rational one? If so, who was the crazy one in your family? What ridiculous things did they do?

FASHION MOM-ISM #4

Mother says: *With friends like that, who needs enemies?"*

Translation: *Your friends are mean*



the *dutiful*
daughter
will evaluate her friend-
ships.

Who is your oldest and dearest friend? Why are they such a good friend? What has kept you friends through the years? Dedicate a page to them and document the influence they've had in your life.

"This Girl" by Debbie Hodge

the *wild child*
knows her friends are the best, regardless of what they do.

What friend advice would you tell your younger self or any young ones in your life? What makes a friend a friend?

