

Pregnant and very plastered

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WOMEN are not usually keen to preserve their pregnant physique — unless they consider a new trend that lets them keep their shape *and* hang it on the wall.

Madonna was the first to start the craze of having a plaster cast made of her pregnant belly. Now, two Melbourne women have turned the “art form” into a popular business.

Nicole Shulman and artist Ilana Pincus started Belly Art three years ago.

“I read about Madonna doing it and it sounded really interesting so we started doing it for friends and it gradually turned into a business,” Ms Shulman said.

Lani Castan, 32, of East St Kilda, had a plaster cast made 10 months ago, when she was 38 weeks pregnant with her son Remy.

“I wanted a three-dimensional documentation of my pregnancy,” Ms Castan said.

“You can’t capture the full image of your belly in a photo but the plaster captures the whole shape. It’s a way of immortalising it.”

Belly Art can be contacted on 0411 405 834.

Expectant for an eternity:

Lani Castan and her cast.
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