

## Behind the scenes on the Royal baby's first photoshoot: Alison Jackson imagines a tiny crown, cuddles with grandma and a stroll in Kensington Gardens

- Pictures taken on Alison Jackson's latest royal shoot
- Lookalikes posed for formal 'portraits' before taking a walk in Kate and William's local park
- Passers-by in Kensington Gardens believed they were seeing the real thing
- The Duchess of Cambridge is now three days overdue

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Who would wear a miniature crown like this? A Royal Highness of course.

This adorable shot of an infant dressing up is one of a series of pictures shot on the set of spoof photographer Alison Jackson's latest project as she prepares to celebrate the birth of Kate and William's first child.

Using a group of her favourite lookalikes - and a very special new addition to the clan - Jackson has been busy creating her vision of how the royal baby's first photoshoot might look.

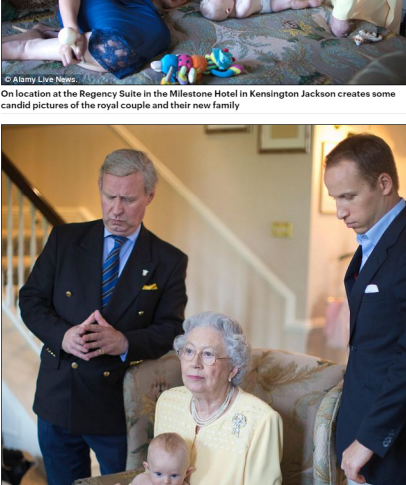


© Alamy Live News. Who would wear a mini crown like this? Alison Jackson is on location with her royal lookalikes - and a very special new addition

First the new parents pose for some formal pictures with William's grandmother 'The Queen' and his father 'Prince Charles'.

After waiting patiently for the official family portraits the make believe Queen then takes a few minutes out to play with her new grandson/granddaughter, beaming with delight as she tickles the latest addition to the Jackson version of the royal family.

No doubt the real royal family will want the baby to get in some early practise of dressing up in the elaborate regalia required of monarchs, and here the baby is accessorised with a gaudy crown (unlike the real Crown Jewels, the gems on this one are genuinely fake).



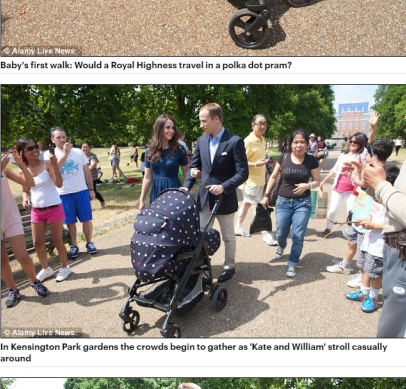
© Alamy Live News. New grandfather 'Charles' looks on as his mother 'Queen Elizabeth' fusses over the infant



© Alamy Live News. Alison Jackson has carved a career out of creating tableaux using lookalikes of the rich and famous and the royal family is one of her favourite subjects



© Alamy Live News. On location at the Regency Suite in the Milestone Hotel in Kensington Jackson creates some candid pictures of the royal couple and their new family



© Alamy Live News. Waiting for their close up: The 'Queen' doesn't look amused as she waits for the next shot

Following the location shoot at the Milestone Hotel Jackson then takes 'baby Cambridge' out in to Kensington Park gardens, Will & Kate's local park, as she anticipates the crowds that might gather to snap the couple on their first outing as a family.

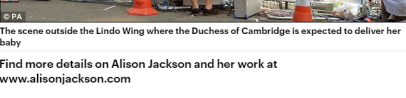
Fake Kate is dressed demurely in a lace navy dress and the Duchess of Cambridge's favourite nude court shoes while her lookalike husband wears a sports jacket and chinos

Instead of the old-fashioned Silver Cross pram that most people would associate with a royal baby though the modern couple have opted for a more standard polka dot patterned style that any new parents can pick up on the high street.

Unsurprisingly amazed passers-by rush towards the couple, snapping away on their smart phones, believing that they might be some of the first people in the world to catch a glimpse of the new heir to the throne.

Jackson, who has been creating celebrity tableaux for 15 years, is unruffled: 'People see what they think they want to see. There is a wall of myth around royals and A-list celebrities, and that makes us wonder what they are really like.

'We see them on magazine covers so often that we think we know them intimately, and we want to learn more. I like to burst that bubble a little.' she explained to The Telegraph.



© Alamy Live News. Baby's first walk: Would a Royal Highness travel in a polka dot pram?



© Alamy Live News. In Kensington Park gardens the crowds begin to gather as 'Kate and William' stroll casually around



© Alamy Live News. Disbelieving members of the public seem to have forgotten that the royal baby is yet to be born

The 50something photographer, who earned a Bafta for her BBC Two series Double Take, has created a mini media empire out of her obsession with celebrity.

Her own website is a clever parody of the world's best celebrity news sites and she hopes to build on this offering daily topical shots. Another film and a weekly TV show could also be in the pipeline.

'I'm not satirical in a traditional way,' she explains. 'What I do is more about creating caricatures and cartoons. I am commenting on the nature of how we live through photography, and how you can twist an angle to create a different perception of a person.'

Meanwhile two miles up the road some very real preparations are taking place as the crowds of journalists, broadcasters, cameramen and photographers outside St Mary's Hospital in Paddington continue to wait for the arrival of the new third-in-line to the throne.

The Duchess of Cambridge is now three days overdue, having been given a delivery date of Saturday 13th July.



© PA. The scene outside the Lindo Wing where the Duchess of Cambridge is expected to deliver her baby

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