

Britney's low-rise look sparks new fad

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OOPS! Britney's done it again. She's launched a new trend guaranteed to send shivers down the spines of mothers of teenage girls.

Mini tummy tucks have become the plastic surgery rage, with teenyboppers screaming to emulate the pop star's tendency to wear oh-so-low-rise jeans and teenie-weenie abs-baring T-shirts.

The not-so-innocent look requires tight tummy muscles usually earned from hundreds of sit-ups or stomach crunches a week. But many Britney copycats would

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rather go under the knife than into the gym.

Top Beverly Hills plastic surgeon Dr. Robert Ray has been stunned by the demand for mini tummy tucks.

"It used to be about the breasts," says Ray. "But in the last few months, the number of tummy tuck procedures I've done has risen by at least 30 percent.

"It has to do with the fashion, and people

are all mentioning the low-rise jeans and Britney Spears' dream figure. We make the scar low enough that it's concealed in the panties, so you can show off as much of your new tummy as you want."

The tummy-tuck trend adds yet another controversy to the teenage superstar's image. Parents across America have already condemned her for dressing too sexy.