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Fiorendo is Italian, and its meaning, in this case especially, is two-fold: to blossom and to grow.

Two and a half years ago, I became a mother to a bright, funny, challenging, deeply beloved little girl. During this time, I've watched her grow from a little tickle in my belly to a helpless seven-pound newborn to the vibrant tiny person she is today. During that time, intimacy has come to mean the pink tones of my daughter's skin, the soft, cool feeling of clean sheets, and constant awareness of the growth that might be invisible in each day, but is all too real in the weeks that go by. I have come to understand the truth of the maxim, *the days are long, but the years are short*, and the meaning of the word *bloom*.

Filled with reds, pinks, subtle greens, and soft strokes, Fiorendo is about family. The collection is a blend of dark and light pieces, many of them utilizing stitched and draped fabric imitating the textures of both plant life (petals, leaves) and soft baby skin. Several pieces include moments of suggested or outright portraiture.

I hope Fiorendo's floral colors and forms will remind you to slow down and take in the things that matter to you. I hope intimate moments of portraiture will bring to mind your most precious relationships, and remind you that time passing, while sometimes difficult to accept, only makes way for the next beautiful stage, bud to flower, flower to fruit.