

US clinic offers custom-designed babies

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Do you want blue eyes with your baby? That's one of the questions a US fertility clinic will be asking when it begins offering custom-designed babies to would-be mums and dads.

Dr Jeff Steinberg, who operates clinics in Manhattan and Los Angeles, said that within six months he planned to let customers choose their baby's eye, hair, and even skin colour, according to the New York Daily News.

Steinberg, who helped produce the first test-tube baby, acknowledged the technology was not 100 per cent perfect and said the best results had been achieved with couples with Scandinavian heritage, whose gene pools were least diluted.

Critics, though, have blasted the idea of designer babies, likening it to the pursuit of a master race.