

# Alicia Keys: Motherhood Has Made Me A Better Person



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Grammy Award-winner Alicia Keys opens up to *Scholastic Parent & Child's* December/January issue about her 2-year-old son **Egypt**, the joys of motherhood and balancing work and family life with husband Swizz Beatz.

**On being a new mom:** “Being a parent has made me more open, more connected to myself, more happy, and more creative. I’m more discerning in what I do and how I do it. It’s just made me a better person all the way around.”

**On balancing work and family life:** “What’s been surprisingly hard about becoming a mom is being away from him and trying to find that magical balance for everything, which I kind of expected. But on the flip side, what’s been surprisingly easy is just how natural parenthood feels. I feel great about how easily I’ve fallen into the role. I love it!”

**On family time:** “We love to go to art galleries and to the park. We love to do painting days and to visit our family—and we also love to run around our house and just go nuts!”