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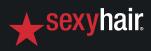
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Best of the Best

BEAUTY LAUNCHPAD'S EXECUTIVE EDITOR ALYSON OSTERMAN-KERR SHARES WHAT'S ON HER MIND THIS MONTH.

> IT'S FINALLY HERE: Our annual Readers Choice Awards issue, where our team gets the lucky opportunity to unveil *your* top professional beauty product picks! Flip to page 70 to see the full list of winners. And as we celebrate "the best" of the year, our staff is also looking toward the year to come. We've rounded up the 20 products you should add to your kit in 2020—turn to page 56 for our selections.

My resolution for the impending year is to continue bringing you the latest business, social media and marketing insight that our industry leaders have to offer, as well as present the newest products and photographic collections to keep you in-the-know and inspired. In celebration of what lies ahead, I've also asked a few of our *Beauty Launchpad* Education Team members to share their wishes for the New Year—check them out here!



J LADNER, @ITSMRJLADNER

"To change more lives through educational events; my mission is to build up this industry so it's ready for the next generation of stylists!"



"What's your wish for the New Year?"



KELSEY DEUEL, @KELSEYDEUELHAIR

"To travel and spread knowledge to other young stylists all over the world. I want to inspire and connect with as many people as possible."

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RUNWAY CELEBRITY SALON STYLE INSPIRATION

A model for Alexander Wang's Fall 2019 runway show hits the catwalk sporting slickstraight pigtails.

► THE FALL/WINTER **RUNWAYS** witnessed a playful twist on the staple ponytail, as pigtails in all lengths and volumes swung their way front and center. But if you're looking for a more sophisticated style for your clients' holiday soirees, we serve up a wealth of updo inspo in our "#Instagood" column on page 26. You'll also find plenty of ideas to mine in "The Sky Is the Limit" (page 22), where celebrity hairdresser Scotty Cunha remembers his favorite starlet styles. And, proving that creative expression can strike from anywhere, hot, young makeup artist Sam Visser shares his top five sources of inspiration in "The Must List" on page 24.



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When Pigtails Fly

PIGTAILS ARE BACK IN FULL BINARY SWING.

—KARIE L. FROST

> EVERYONE CAN AGREE THAT PIGTAILS instantly shave years off one's appearance. What they may argue is that they're too perky, too silly, too childish for a grown woman to wear. To that, runway artists thumb their noses. Witness the high-flying pigtails at Alexander Wang, where Dyson hair lead Duffy shellacked glassy extensions with loads of hairspray (a cocktail of L'Oréal Professionnel Infinium and Bumble and bumble Does It All Hairspray) and then flat-ironed 2-inch sections into razor-edged shards that clapped at one another as the models stomped. Or the Harajuku girlinspired pigtails at Junya Watanabe, brilliantly buoyant and modeled as they should be: in groups of two. Low-slung, mile-long twin braids at Prada have captured the lion's share of the media's attention for the pigtail trend, but other braided duos, like the high-contrast knotted and twisted ropes by ECRU New York creative director Lisa Lobosco for Videmus Omnia and the rainbow-bright multi-braid pigtails by Oribe hair lead Kien Hoang for Nicole Miller, certainly merit double the love, too. Will this fearsome twosome take the place of the ponytail? Likely not, but they're ohso-fun—and worth doubling down on.





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The Sky Is the Limit

STYLIST SCOTTY CUNHA DISHES ABOUT TOP LOOKS HE CREATED FOR HIS CELEBRITY CLIENTELE.

—JASMINE BROWN

> CELEBRITY STYLIST SCOTTY CUNHA always kept his eye on the prize when it came to following his styling dreams. After studying at Paul Mitchell The School in Rhode Island, Cunha ventured to California where he worked at Starbucks before landing an assisting gig with A-list stylist Jonathan Antin at his namesake salon in Beverly Hills, California. Here, he studied under Antin for four years and even appeared in his Bravo television reality show, *Blow Out*. Cunha eventually earned a spot at the famed Andy LeCompte Salon in Los Angeles, where he snagged a place on singer Miley Cyrus' glam squad for her world tour. Now, Cunha has worked with a list of celebrities a mile long, including the Kardashian and Jenner sisters, Nicole Richie, Lucy Hale, Kristin Cavallari and many more. Here, the stylist reminisces on a few of his favorite looks.



▲ "I chopped Jackie's fringe in the front super short for a Kat Von D Beauty campaign; we wanted to give Audrey Hepburn vibes. I used Oribe Gold Lust Nourishing Hair Oil for this look because it made her hair really shine. Plus, I was able to slick the sides with the oil because the product is so light and doesn't make the hair greasy."



"For Nicole's House of Harlow campaign, I wanted to work more with her natural texture and waves, so we used a diffuser to dry her hair. I also used Oribe Mystify Restyling Spray and scrunched the ends throughout the day to revive her curls."



▲ "We went for a simple, long, straight hairstyle for Kourtney's MTV Music Awards Cher-inspired look—and it ended up everywhere! People were obsessed and we thought we were just being chill and laid-back with the style. My fave product for this look is Leonor Greyl Éclat Natural Texture Paste; it's very light but keeps hair smooth and shiny without feeling sticky."



"This look was for this year's Saint Laurent Spring/Summer 2020 men's show in Malibu, California. I wanted to do a chic, slicked-back tiny bun—not like a ballerina bun, as I wanted it to be a little more sexy. To get that vibe, I slicked the hair straight back with a middle part."



"I love a glam pony, but also love this perfect side part and hair falling in front. For Emily's Vanity Fair Oscar party style, I used Oribe Dry Texturizing Spray to add volume in the front."

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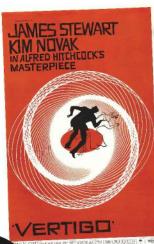
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-AS TOLD TO LOTUS ABRAMS



1 1950S AND '60S FILMS AND MUSIC

When I visit San Francisco it reminds me of late '50s movies like *Vertigo*. That's when Technicolor was being used, and

everybody loved watching Technicolor films. I enjoy '60s music too like The Mamas and the Papas and The Zombies; that was around the time when Laurel Canyon in Los Angeles was really happening. I think it was a magical era of music.

2 PARIS

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I've been to Paris one time, and that really changed my perspective about beauty and also about life. French artists really inspire me as well.

3 MY MODEL MUSE

I do Bryce Anderson's makeup all the time. He's allowed me to experiment and be an artist without any limitations, and it's so much fun doing his makeup. He can be feminine or masculine. He's young but he's already been in *Vogue*. I've told him, "You're going to be the first gender fluid supermodel."

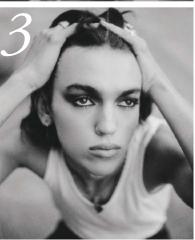
4 1970S AND '80S FASHION PHOTOGRAPHY

The big icons like Guy Bourdin, Helmut Newton and Chris von Wangenheim inspire me—not just for the makeup in the photographs, but also for the overall mood.

5 NATURE

Wherever I am, I have to see nature. I get really inspired by California, especially in the summertime. I love photographing the palm trees. But even in New York there are pockets of nature. I live near Washington Square Park, and I'll lay out a blanket, sit under a tree and enjoy lunch.









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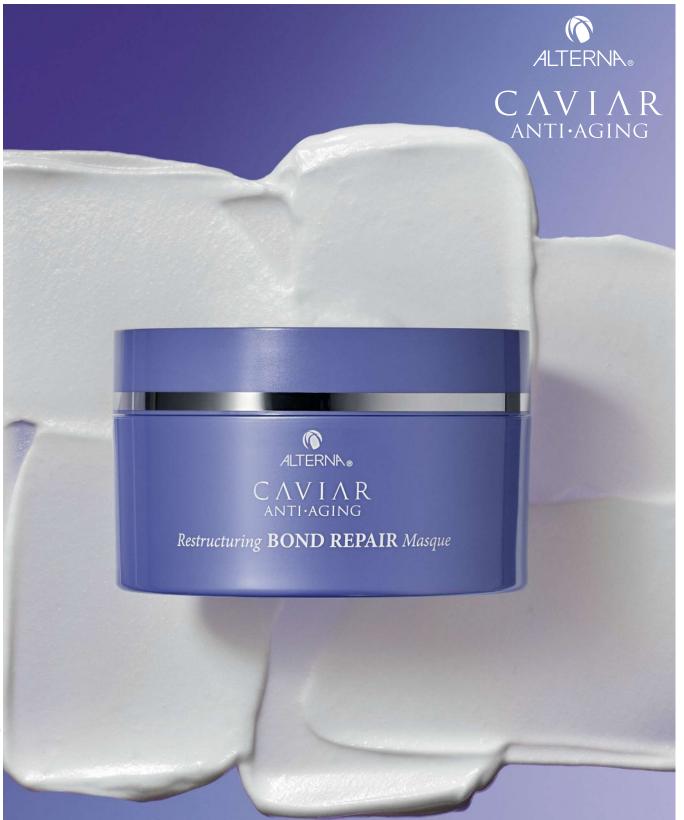


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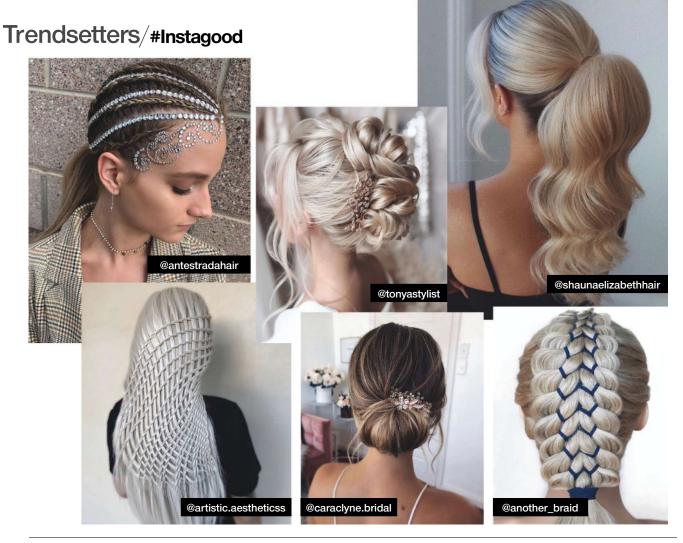
'TIS THE SEASON...when your clients want unique and eye-catching styles. Scouring the 'gram reveals that this winter season will see updos with intricate braiding, more structure and less messiness. Also, delicate accessories are huge, as are 1990s-inspired hair stickers and clips. Looking for some bling for the season? Check out @ulyana.aster, @pinkpewter, @asos and even your local Michaels store! story continues >>



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The Heat Is On

ARA KO CRAFTS VIVID HUES DESIGNED TO HEAT UP WINTER'S CHILL. $_JB$

> Winter has arrived! From faded pastels and silvers to cool brunettes and white blondes, stylist Ara Ko's feed is a one-stop shop for all of your color inspo needs as the seasons chill out. Ko is a wiz with a paintbrush, and we guarantee you'll be tapping the "save" tab on her colorful posts. Her top color tip? "I prefer to do a full bleach-and-tone look over something more dimensional," she says. "I feel like it makes more of an impact and is a little more edgy because the colors look brighter and have more of a pop."



WHO: Ara Ko (@araako) # OF FOLLOWERS: 21.6K (at time of print) LOCATION: Kut Haus Salon in La Verne, California

Ara Ko shares how to achieve this silver transformation.

+ Lighten regrowth (regrowth should be about 1-inch long) with Schwarzkopf Professional BLONDME Bond Enforcing Premium Lightener 9+ with half 20-vol. developer and half 7-vol. developer (1:1.5 ratio).

+ Process for 30 to 45 minutes.

- + Rinse with shampoo and conditioner.
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9 or 10, tone with @Guy_Tang #MyDentity Demi-Permanent 6SS + 8SS on the roots and 8SS + 10SS on the ends with b3 Brazilian Bond Builder added to the formulas.

- + Process for 25 minutes.
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Silver is really on trend, and this particular

client didn't want any warmth in her color," says Ara Ko. "Also, ashier tones happen to look better with her particular skin color, so we opted for a smoky look with a shadow root to help add depth."

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with their clients can really make or break a business, and text messaging is one of the most powerful tools available to keep clients in the loop on everything from upcoming appointments to seasonal promotions—but only if it's used correctly. Glean some best practices on page 34. Clear communication is also important when it comes to explaining your kids policy to clients. Business owners weigh in on the topic in "State of Play" on page 36. And for more businessbuilding advice, Dawn Bradley (@dawnbradleyhair) answers readers' "Burning Questions" on page 38.



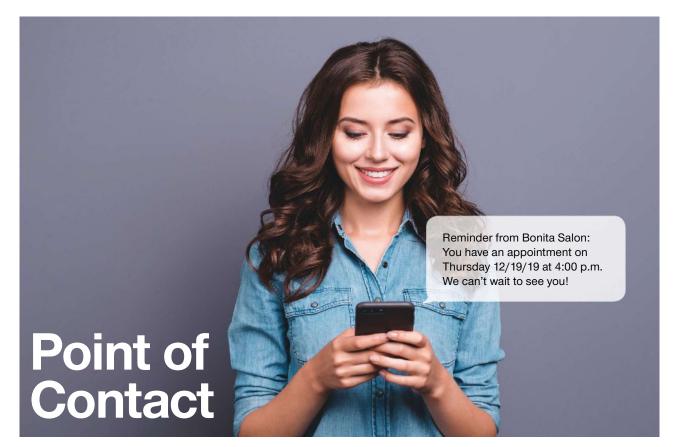






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TEXT MESSAGE APPOINTMENT REMINDERS CAN HELP SALONS REDUCE NO-SHOWS WHILE IMPROVING THE BOTTOM LINE, AS WELL AS PROMOTE CUSTOMER LOYALTY. HERE'S HOW. -LA

> CLIENT NO-SHOWS NOT ONLY HAVE a negative impact on a salon's bottom line, but they also hinder stylists' ability to utilize their time efficiently. One effective tool to tackle the problem: text message appointment confirmations and reminders. "Text messages are less intrusive than phone calls, and the open rates are higher than with emails," says RJ Horsley, president of payment processing company SpotOn, which offers an appointment-scheduling software solution for service-oriented businesses like salons. "Text messaging also gives clients an easy way to communicate with the salon in case they need to reschedule, ask a question or add other services to their appointments." If utilized correctly, the practice can reduce no-shows by as much as 40 percent, says Horsley. To ensure the best results, follow these text message communication tips designed to help salon owners book more appointments, reduce administrative work hours and keep clients coming back.

[1] IMPLEMENT APPOINTMENT SOFTWARE. "Text messaging software should be integrated with fully functional appointment booking and scheduling software," notes Horsley. "This allows automation, meaning text message confirmations are automatically delivered after a client books an appointment and reminders are automatically sent out leading up to the appointment." [2] MIND YOUR FREQUENCY. Clients are bombarded with a daily onslaught of information coming at them from a variety of sources. Avoid having them tune you out by minimizing how often you send text messages, but making sure the ones you *do* send are effective by sharing pertinent information.

[3] **KEEP TEXT MESSAGES CLEAR AND BRIEF.** Make sure to include the date and time of the appointment, your address and a contact number.

[4] INCLUDE A CALL TO ACTION. Ask your clients to respond to appointment reminders for maximum impact in reducing no-shows. "For example, asking the client to reply back with a 'Y' for 'yes' allows you to confirm the appointment and prevent downtime," says Horsley.

[5] MAKE IT EASY TO RESCHEDULE. Send a "thank-you" message after appointments, along with a link to your online booking portal, to make it simple for clients to book their next appointments.

[6] USE TEXT MESSAGING FOR MARKETING, TOO. Send clients deals, discounts and promotions that will encourage them to return to the salon. "[Salons] are finding that text messaging is helping them create more personal connections with their customers, ultimately helping forge deeper loyalty," says Horsley.



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State of Play

SHOULD YOU WELCOME AND CATER TO CHILDREN IN THE SALON—OR MAINTAIN A STRICT NO-KIDS POLICY? SALON OWNERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE WEIGH IN WITH POTENTIAL PROS AND CONS. —FRANCESCA MOISIN

>A Safe Space to Play When Cindy Feldman, owner of Progressions Salon Spa Store in Rockville, Maryland, opened her business in 1984, space was tight-but, when she expanded a decade later (then pregnant with her second child), adding a kids' room seemed like a natural decision. "We saw kids were coming in with their parents, and we wanted a safe environment for them," Feldman recalls. "Kids make a beeline to that area, with jungle print decor, books, a video player, toys, tables, chairs and snacks. And, from a business standpoint, those kids can eventually become clients."

Parents appreciate the flexibility and peace of mind. The glass-enclosed room keeps children separate but in view and moms and dads needn't cancel appointments or scramble for alternate arrangements if the babysitter cancels. "It gives them security to know the kids are happy and safe, and that allows them to relax and not have to worry about childcare," Feldman explains. "Even if a staff member needs to bring her kids in one day, she's welcome."



The No-Kid Zone

On the other side of the argument, Yasmine Young, owner of Baltimorebased Diaspora Salon, says that her salon is a decidedly adults-only space. "We're focused on renewal, tranquility, peace, good conversation and, of course, great customer service and beautiful hair-it's a space for adults," Young asserts. "Clients come to us for a break from the world, to have 'me time' and pamper themselves. If we allowed small children, our clients wouldn't be able to enjoy the very atmosphere they look for when they come to our salon." However, Young maintains a 12-year-old-and-up policy so that older children are able to receive services. Similarly, Ruby Brown, owner of The Haven Salon & Beauty Bar in Fredericksburg, Virginia, sought to create a vibe of solace and refuge, a place to unwind and get awaywithout kids detracting from their parents' or other guests' experiences.

The salon's policies are clearly posted online, and any clients who arrive with children are informed of the rules.

Doing What's Right For Your Salon

So how should you proceed at your salon? Before you settle on a kids policy, evaluate the demographics and demand in your area, recommends Feldman, as well as available salon space for a dedicated kids zone (to avoid accidents and prevent disruptive commotion). If you do want to welcome children remember, a kids area is "another system that needs time and attention," she says, with routines established for to-dos like cleaning toys and refreshing snacks. If you decide having kids in the salon doesn't mesh with your business model, make sure to communicate your policy to clients. "If you're looking to start such a policy, implement slowly, notifying your regulars first," Brown recommends. "Make sure the policy is clearly posted so people are aware-and don't apologize."

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What are you most passionate about in our industry? -@theconfidentcolorist



Communication and boundaries. I see many talented and skilled stylists question their abilities because of a miscommunication with

a client. It's the nasty villain in our industry that no one knows is there. Also, so many stylists bend over backward in the name of excellent customer service, when really they operate without any boundaries and end up burning out.



would love to learn color melting; do you offer any classes?

-@marthagarciahairstylist

Yes! I actually offer an online balayage class: Hair Painting Outside the Lines. You can find it at dawnbradley.com/hpol.



How can I get clients to understand necessary price increases? —@erin.mane.maven

This goes back to communication, communication, communication! We must communicate with kindness, compassion and empathy. Check out some of my most recent IGTVs to learn more.

Want your burning question answered? Follow @beautylaunchpad on IG for the next opportunity!

UNDERPAID PROFITABLE. What's your best advice for a new salon owner looking to grow a clientele?



Grab my free ebook, *The Client Attraction Play Book* (dawnbradley.com/playbook)! It's a total game changer and explains exactly what I did to grow my clientele five years ago when I relocated and knew no one. Within 12 weeks I was fully booked months in advance. If you commit to doing the work, these steps will get you there.

How did you become involved in education? —@adina_pignatare

-@thehairpurrfector

I always wanted to educate but thought I had to wait until I hit a particular place in my career—like some magic wand would

float by and grant me permission. But luckily for me, people started asking me to teach, and I said yes. There have been bumps along the way, but the more education I offered, the more people kept asking and coming back for it.



What would you say to a stylist who's convinced her clients won't pre-book? —@mysaloninsider

Learn how to communicate for success. Maybe it isn't that they aren't willing to pre-

book, but it's how the stylist is approaching the topic. It's tough to look inward and see what we could be doing differently. But when we do, and have softness with ourselves to know that we're human and not perfect, we can show up differently as well as better for our clients and ourselves.



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PROBLEM SOLVED Troubleshooting practices for common color concerns

NEW SHADES AND TOOLS

COVER LOOK

The framesi team shares how to achieve this fetching color and style Makeup artist Giuseppe Giarratana puts the finishing touches on framesi's gangsterinspired moll.

Retro Revival

FOR THIS MONTH'S *THE COLORIST* COVER, FRAMESI PRESENTS A GIRL IN A "GANGSTER STORY" WHOSE FLAIR FOR RETRO STYLE MEETS HER DESIRE FOR REFINEMENT. HERE'S HOW TO GET THE LOOK. **–A0**

GET THE LOOK

Color

Step 1: Prelighten hair to Level 8 (yellow/orange) with framesi DECOLOR B CREAM PLUS.

Step 2: Color roots with framesi FRAMCOLOR 2001 INTENSE 5.055 (30g./1oz.) + framesi PROFESSIONAL ACTIVATOR 20-vol. Developer (60g./2oz.). Psst: FRAMCOLOR 2001 INTENSE processes in half the traditional time.

Step 3: Color lengths with framesi 2001 LIGHT&SHINE 7.55 ($20g./^{2}/_{3}oz.$) + 6.56 ($10g./^{1}/_{3}oz.$) and no activator.

Style

Step 1: Apply framesi BY Glaze onto the fringe, create a finger wave, pin it and blow-dry with a diffuser.

Step 2: Apply framesi BY Mist Hair Spray Light onto the remaining hair and blow-dry softly while flipping the ends toward the face. **Step 3:** Refine the waves with a styling iron, and then brush the hair to make the volume look more natural.

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WHAT'S NEW. WHAT'S HOT. WHAT WORKS. –AO

PLAY WITH SHADOWS

Kit comes with three naturaltone temporary color sprays (Shadowplay, Sombre and Levitation) to enhance depth and dimension with formulas that wash out in a single rinse ideal for root touch-ups, as well as creating instant balayage, lowlights and other effects. **amika Strobe Contour Kit** @*amikapro*



MAKE IT LAST

Three new permanent cream colors—Poison Berry, Bewitching Blue and Violet Reign—create lasting results perfect for clients who want to put their boldest hair front and center. **Pravana ChromaSilk Vivids Everlasting** @pravana



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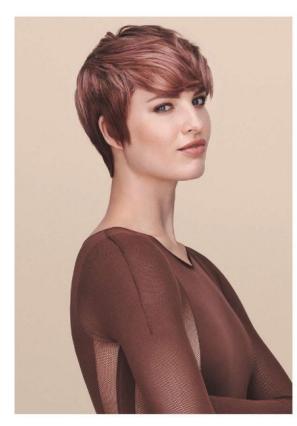
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DIVINE BEAUTY

Four fresh shades include Enchant (Tinta Color and Semi Color 8.81), a sparkly baby blonde; Empower (Tinta Color and Semi Color 6.43), a sultry radiant bronze; Indulge (Tinta Color 7.18), a true neutral blonde; and Rise (Semi Color 8.52), a spicy honey hue. Keune Haircosmetics Limited Edition "Live Your Divinity" Hair Color Collection @keunenamerica

COMB ON

The tapered bristles on this brush prevent hard lines for a seamless transition between colors, and are also ideal for root work. **Cricket Shadow Roots Feather Brush** @*crickettools*



PUSH PLAY

Adding to its popular Elumen direct dye line, Goldwell unveils Elumen Play, a semipermanent haircolor system that consists of eight bold and four pastel shades all of which fade true to tone. **Goldwell Elumen Play** @goldwellus

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We live in exciting hair times. From soft root smudges and Easter egg pastels to bold holographics and in-yourface neons, anything goes these days when it comes to haircolor. Techniques run the gamut as well—foiling, teasy lights, painting—and let's not discount looking like a million bucks with the money piece trend. But what happens when color goes awry? We asked seven specialists to explain the biggest mistakes colorists make—and, more importantly, how to fix them.



Jean Lyons

@jeanlyons_hair National Educator, ColorDesign

The Mistake: Failing to communicate

Some stylists take on a color challenge that's too risky for a single session. Others may fail to understand or explain what's possible to achieve in just one visit. Today's trends have created new colorremoval challenges. A client may mistakenly believe that because a fashion hue was covered with a darker shade, all previous colors were removed from the hair, which isn't true. Attempting to push hair beyond its limits or lighten color without first understanding previous history can destroy hair's integrity.

The Fix: Start every session with a thorough consultation. Depending on hair length, you might be required to obtain several years of history. Having guests fill out a printed questionnaire can ensure you're both on the same page, while kicking off recordkeeping for future reference. It's critical to understand your client's expectations, and then clearly express what can be accomplished during each visit, to avoid potential miscommunication.

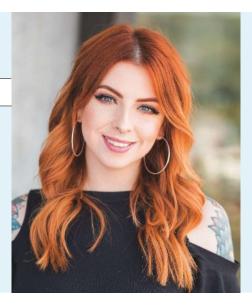
Nicolena DeVito

@nicolenadevito Brand Educator, Kenra Professional

The Mistake: Not suggesting new color ideas

In my experience, the No. 1 reason clients leave their stylist is because she or he can no longer offer new options for how to keep tresses looking fresh. It's easy to get complacent or fail to check in every time regarding hair challenges the client may be facing. After months or years with the same guest, we often forget to ask those all-important questions: "What do you like about your hair?" And, "What would you do differently?"

The Fix: Get inspired! Stay up to date on the latest techniques and hottest trends, especially via continued education. That will prevent you from going on autopilot when formulating color. Always check in with clients and offer a new look. Even if they decline, they'll feel heard and important—which ultimately keeps them in your chair.



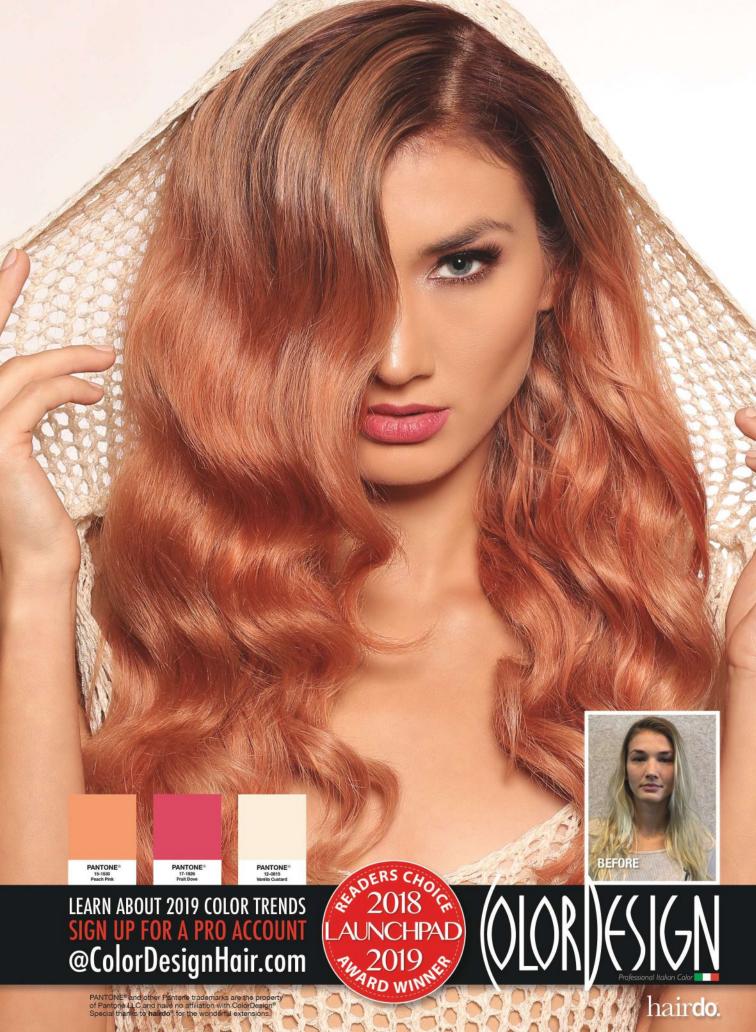


Jessica Ogden @sprite_ly Education Director, framesi

The Mistake: Skipping the strand test

Many stylists have their daily books perfectly laid out, leaving very little room for impromptu colors, cuts—or even lunch! The strand test often gets skipped, which can be problematic. Performing a patch test is your best defense against making color mistakes or compromising hair's integrity. It can also be a valuable learning experience for guests.

The Fix: Rearrange schedules to incorporate this essential step when you, as the pro, feel it's required. It might mean the difference between top color results and hair that has been pushed beyond its limit. Many brands now also offer quick-result strand tests, like framesi's Strike4. These flat-iron processing sheets reduce processing time from 20 minutes to 20 seconds while still protecting strands.





Allie Wildy @allie.style Guest Artist, Schwarzkopf Professional

The Mistake: Over-toning blondes

Don't overtone blondes with too much blue or violet pigments. That's a major mistake I see, yet one that's easy to avoid. It leaves fair strands looking dull.

The Fix: Balance warm and cool tones when coloring flaxen tresses. Remember, yellow will provide the most shine and light reflection, and incorporating soft gold into toners will infuse luster. Aim for the sweet spot—that perfect warm-cool balance—to obtain a soft, buttery blonde finish.

Mike Petrizzi

@petrizzipro
Artistic Director, Zotos Professional

The Mistake: Forgetting to zone

Using a single formula from shafts to roots is a common error. When we forget to section hair into three different zones, we also fail to take into account that roots take color vibrantly, with tons of warmth. That happens less toward the mid-shafts. Porous ends grab cooler and darker than the rest of the hair.

The Fix: Stop doing a single formula from roots to tips. Have a blonde that looks hollow at the roots and grayish on the ends? Add a touch of gold to your gloss as you go down the shafts. Want a red with bold spice on the bottom, sans dreaded hot roots? Lighten and warm your mix while progressing downward.





Noora Ahmad @hairbynoora Global Artist, @Guy_Tang #MyDentity

The Mistake: Balayage blunders

When working with balayage, I've observed a lot of colorists who don't hold hair with enough tension, so strands aren't maintained in a flat panel. Further, some tend to push too hard into the hair when painting, which causes spots and zero blend.

The Fix: Think of it this way: Balayage is meant to be surface painting, so holding hair taut is key. Ask clients to help by keeping still and minimizing their head movements. And be light-handed with the brush. You can always add more product later. Here's the rule: The less product you apply, the more minimal the lift. The more you layer, the greater lift you'll get.



Lisa McAuliffe

@hair_by_lam
Senior Educator, Product Club

75 percent (or more) gray: 1/2 to 1/2 ratio

The Mistake: Incorrectly formulating gray coverage for redheads, resulting in muted end results

I used to believe it was essential to add gold to a formula for redheads, or substitute a natural shade in place of gold when aiming for a cool red, but over the years I realized that didn't provide the intensity I wanted. If my desired outcome was bright copper, adding gold didn't work, since it read visually as "gold copper" rather than rich red.

The Fix: Add increments of a darker level to your formula, instead of using gold or natural, to provide extra coverage and depth. Here's my go-to breakdown:
25 percent (or less) gray: ¼ level darker than the desired level of the desired shade,
¾ level of desired shade
50 percent gray: ¼ to ⅔ ratio

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A-LIST HOW-TOS TRENDING PRODUCTS LAUNCHES

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Beauty Launchpad editors share their top 20 new product innovations that you'll want to keep on your radar for the year ahead.



ALYSON OSTERMAN-KERR Executive Editor

MY PERSONAL STYLE:

Classic. I love a little black dress, a sleek blow-out, and a staple red or nude nail color.

Saphira Repackaging

The Dead Sea-based beauty brand has updated its packaging for a design that's sleek and elegant (definitely adding a bit of sophistication to my shower). And for salon owners who want to display the product line on their shelves, the redux also streamlines each product into one of five intuitive categories: Healing, Hydrate, Volume, Curly and Design. @saphirahair









I was fortunate to witness the power of the newly reformulated BLONDME for our recent October shoot with Linh Phan and Maggie Hancock, and can attest to the results! The line now incorporates BOND Enforcing Technology to ensure hair is protected during blonding services, so that blondes appear beautiful sans damage. @schwarzkopfusa



Truss Professional Miracle Deep Reconstruction Fluid

After seeing this professional treatment in action, I'm a believer! At the shampoo bowl, spray it onto wet hair along the lengths and down to the tips. Keep hair in a processing cap for 10 to 15 minutes. Then, remove the cap and apply the brand's Intensive Nutrition conditioner for five more minutes before rinsing. The fluid's innovative blend works effectively to repair damage caused by chemical, mechanical and thermal processes. @trussprofessional



Alterna CAVIAR Anti-Aging Smoothing Anti-Frizz Multi-Styling Air-Dry Balm

Since I'm prone to frizz, a solid smoothing product is always a goto! This one leaves my hair more manageable, soft and shiny thanks to luxe caviar extract sourced from the South of France. Ooh la la! @alternahaircare

OYA Awake Dry Conditioner

I have naturally curly hair that craves moisture; however, I like to extend my blow-outs for as long as possible. Enter this dry conditioner, which instantly moisturizes as it smoothes and boosts shine. @oyabeauty



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WetBrush Go Green Oil Infused Shine Brush

WetBrush has long been a staple of mine, and now the tried-andtrue Shine segment comes in four different oil-infused varieties built into the cushion: moisturizing watermelon oil, purifying tea tree oil, nourishing CBD oil, and softening and smoothing coconut oil. @thewetbrush

Oribe Serene Scalp Exfoliating Scrub

This product is like a spa day for my hair! I use it once a week prior to shampooing, massaging it onto my scalp to unclog my pores—which it does via soft polymer beads along with a blend of alpha hydroxy acids and promote healthy hair growth. @oribe



LOTUS ABRAMS Managing Editor

MY PERSONAL STYLE:

For everyday looks I favor urban athleisure wear, a chic crop, and a bold nail color or minimalist nail art.

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friendly packaging-a win for the

Texture Sexy Hair High Tide Texturizing Finishing Hairspray

I like to mix up my short hairstyle sometimes, and this finishing spray delivers just the right amount of touchable texture, hold and volume to achieve that lived-in look I'm going for. @sexyhair

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Moroccanoil Color Depositing Mask

This temporary color mask, available in seven shades, feeds my color maintenance needs while infusing strands with exclusive ArganID technology. Use it to enhance tones, refresh existing color or experiment with fashion shades. @moroccanoilpro



Keracolor Keracolors Violet Toning Drops

My blonde colleagues swear by this product that can be added to any shampoo, conditioner or cream-based styler to transform it into a toner. It enhances color and neutralizes unwanted tones while adding a boost of pigment and shine—all while strengthening and moisturizing strands with keratin and coconut and castor oils. @keracolorhair

Redavid Orchid Oil Dual Therapy Ultra Nourishing Repair

Curly girls swear by this award-winning curative treatment, and I can see why. The cream-gel formula boasts two powerful complexes—plus nutrient-rich ingredients like coconut oil, aloe vera and rosemary—to repair damaged strands while enhancing shine and moisture. @redavidhair



Malibu C Color Disruptor

I'm certain this breakthrough new formula—designed to "disrupt" where the color molecule is setting to make the removal process easier, whether it's a direct dye or oxidative color—will be a game changer for color correction services. *@malibucpro*



R+Co ATLANTIS Moisturizing Concentrate

I never turn down a deep-conditioning treatment when offered at the shampoo bowl, and this brown algae-infused elixir that smoothes and increases moisture levels by 2.5 times after just one application may be my new obsession! @randco



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JASMINE BROWN Associate Editor

MY PERSONAL STYLE:

I'm a sucker for whimsical dresses, curly locks and a swipe of nude lipstick.

Gamma+ Rainbow Korner XL

A curling wand with a rainbow finish? Count me in! This thermal styler is crafted with a reverse-tapered barrel to help achieve volume at the roots and soft waves at the ends. @gammaplusna



Nirvel Professional Hair Make Up in #Red

I'm not very adventurous when it comes to switching up my hair, so that's why I love a good temporary color when I want to play with my hue. This wash-out pigment will give your more reluctant clients the confidence to rock color (sans the commitment). @nirvelprofessional_official

Hot Tools Black Gold One-Step Blowout

After seeing this premiere at Cosmoprof, I couldn't wait to give myself an easy-to-achieve, beautiful blow-out. Crafted with a nanotitanium surface, patented Refresh3 Max Activated Charcoal and oval design, this tool has become an indispensable asset in my daily routine. @hottoolspro



Agadir

Agadir Volumizing Mousse

Made with 100 percent pure argan oil, this lightweight mousse boosts volume and moisture without adding buildup—not to mention that the brand's beautiful new packaging makes it an attractive addition to my bathroom counter. @agadirint



DevaCurl DevaFresh Scalp & Curl Revitalizer

AINBON

Since hitting the snooze button in the morning is inevitable for me, reaching for this curl refresher is a must to achieve bouncy, frizz-free hair in a jiff. Plus, it's infused with prickly pear to help soothe my scalp. @devacurl

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us daily condition

ÄZ Haircare Indulge Conditioner

Since I often apply heat to my hair, I gravitate toward products that provide thermal protection—like this restorative conditioner. With a blend of silicones and amino fluids, this formula works to boost moisture in the cuticle, combat breakage and add shine. @azhaircare

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> –ALYSON OSTERMAN-KERR

In the Kevin.Murphy team's North collection, iconic beach waves come to life with subtle color that's meant to evoke natural sun-kissed hues. Shot amongst the lush coastal vegetation of Byron Bay, Australia, as well as a resortinspired set that's meant to give us summer vibes even in the dead of winter, the looks here are impeccably styled to effortless-looking effect—much to the adoration of cool girls everywhere.

HAIR: KEVIN.MURPHY: PHOTOGRAPHER: LUIS MURPHY; HAIR TEAM: NATHAN GORMAN, WADE BLACKFORD AND JAMES NICHOLSON; DIGITAL/VIDEO: JOHN O'ROURKE AND REUBEN GATES; FASHION STYLIST: EMILY WARD; MAKEUP: KENNETH HIGGINS; LOCATION: EYRON BAY, AUSTRALIA; PRODUCER: DEBBIE WALTERS



LADY OF LUXURY Opulent chocolate and gold tones meet purposeful waves that move with each turn of the head.

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MY ONLY SUNSHINE

Natural-looking waves complement the hair's tawny blonde tones—which appear as if lightened by the sun—for a style that feels "alive," describes the Kevin.Murphy hair team.



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FREE SPIRIT

This style is meant to appear free-flowing: Blonde and caramel tones unite to lend the effect of sun-tempered hair color, and beach waves crash together to evoke the feeling of a cool breeze playing with the hair.



READERS CHOICE

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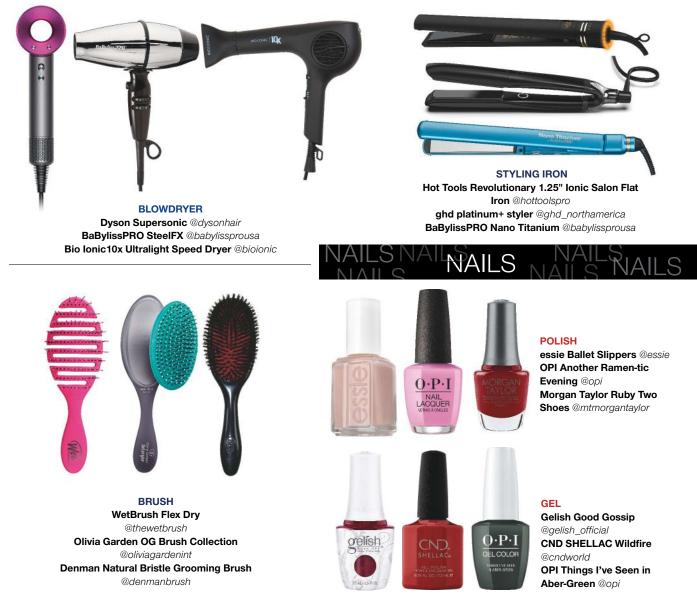
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HERO HAIRDRESSER

Joey Lane, aka @gothandglamour, isn't your typical hairstylist working behind the chair at a salon. Instead, the hospice hairdresser travels to see his clients, who are patients at the Hospice of the Golden Isles in Brunswick, Georgia. We checked in with Lane to find out how he merged his love of hair with healthcare to launch Tender Love & Hair, bringing joy and lifting the spirits of patients near the end of their lives, when they truly need it the most.

Beauty Launchpad: How did you start your journey in the beauty industry?

Joey Lane: I grew up as an eccentric kid in an extremely rural, small town in Southeast Georgia, so I always felt like a square peg in a round hole. I never quite felt safe or comfortable expressing myself as an individual until high school, when I first took the plunge and colored my hair funky colors in my bathroom. Graduating as valedictorian, I felt obligated to go to university after high school, but I only made it one semester before I dropped out, depressed and unsure of my place in the world. It was then that I made the unpopular decision to go to hair school, and it changed my life more than I ever expected. I've been licensed for going on five years now, but I stepped away from the salon chair full time last year to start this new journey that combines two of my biggest passions: healthcare and hairdressing.

BL: How did you begin specializing in treating patients in hospice care?

JL: I went through a certified nursing assistant program while I was in high school and had to do clinical hours at a nursing home. I saw that a lot of these residents just wanted someone to talk to—a friend. A good bit of our personal identity is tied up in our hair, and I noticed that haircare in these facilities was a great need. My experiences as a certified nursing assistant stuck with me as a hairdresser in the salon, and I ultimately made the decision to combine my two passions by returning to college to pursue a degree in a healthcare role. There are so many people who are underrepresented and forgotten about during what can be the scariest time in their lives, so I decided to do something about it while working on my degree. I felt the need to reach out to my local hospice facility, the Hospice of the Golden Isles, and that's how Tender Love & Hair was born.

BL: What's it like working with patients in hospice?

JL: While the nature of end-of-life care is often heavy and emotional, I've experienced far more light and hope in those doors than possibly any other place I've been. Little things that you would never think about in the salon, such as having a client sit upright in a chair, become a challenge. While it can seem intimidating at first, it's incredibly humbling and humanizing, and I'm able to figure out ways to accommodate.



BL: Are there any special tools you keep in your kit when working with your client patients?

JL: One of the most genius kit items for me at hospice is norinse shampoo caps. I warm them up in the microwave, put them on the patient's head, massage the cap and they're good to go! Another go-to is my mini flat iron. It enables me to create that signature "bump" on shorter hairstyles while minimizing the risk of burns for patients who may suddenly move during styling.

BL: What's the best part of the work you do?

JL: By far, the best part about what I do is interacting with the patients. I hear their stories, and we become friends. Being able to bring them any bit of happiness, no matter how small, is a privilege and an honor.

BL: How can other stylists get involved?

JL: There's such a need for haircare in long-term care and hospice facilities around the country, and sadly, this population is greatly underserved. To get involved, reach out to your local hospice facility to inquire about volunteering, or donate to existing programs that help serve this population. You may go into a hospice facility expecting to change lives, but you'll probably realize that you'll be the one whose life is changed for the better. If you're interested in donating to Tender Love & Hair, please visit the Hospice of the Golden Isles at hospice.me.



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A Mirror and a Prayer

As the founder and president of **Phenix Salon Suites**, named as one of *Entrepreneur*'s Top 500 fastest-growing franchises, Gina Rivera's success story is captivating. A high-school dropout subsisting on food stamps, Rivera was determined to turn her life around. By cultivating a "cando" attitude, realizing her values, surrounding herself with like-minded individuals, and relying on friends and family for support, Rivera was A Mirror And A Prayer Br Gma Br Gma

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The **@Guy_Tang #MyDentity** team, made up of 35 international distributors, brand managers and representatives, recently gathered in Los Angeles to learn new techniques, discuss upcoming product launches and give back to the community. After a hands-on swatching session working with the latest shades, #teamtang put their skills to use and dyed 15 human hair wigs. The VIPs had full creative freedom while coloring the hair, with notable wigs featuring the brand's signature rose gold shade blended with natural brown and a soft pearl-meets-dusty-lavender shade. After being styled using the newest collection of thermal tools from T3, all of the wigs were donated to Helen's Room, a nonprofit organization that offers free services and products to low income, uninsured female cancer patients. The team dropped off the wigs and met with patients, adding even more meaning to this charitable initiative.

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"I know you think this world is too dark to even dream in color, but I've seen flowers bloom at midnight. I've seen kites fly in gray skies and they were real close to looking like the sunrise, and sometimes it takes the most wounded wings the most broken things to notice how strong the breeze is, how precious the flight."

My most recent tattoo is a tribute to my craft and Vidal Sassoon. I wanted an outline of the iconic five-point haircut Sassoon created, as well as a representation of the color wheel. I would not be the artist I am today without either of these concepts! Sassoon is my greatest inspiration, and I wanted to honor him in a way that felt meaningful. —*as told to AO*

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