

HAIR HEADLINES



For Hair with Flair

Searching for a product that will give your short coif a new ultra-sexy look? Brit Style by Graham Webb is ideal for all hair types. The line contains Thermacore® Complex, a patented key ingredient compound which activates upon the application of heat, turning hot water, blow dryers and styling tools into a beneficial, conditioning treatment. For short hair with lots of flair, we love the Wax Pomade. Just a dollop provides touchable hold while delivering soft control and second-day texture. \$10.95; for a salon location nearest you, call 1-800-456-9322 or visit www.grahamwebb.com.



New Looks for Fall

Salon Nordine and Day Spas in Reston, Fairfax & Gainesville, Virginia, offer their latest collection of fabulous fall styles. Nordine Elabassi predicts, "The newest fall haircuts will be more texturized, dimensional, asymmetrical and bold." Known for their exciting makeovers, these cute and sexy short cuts illustrate the latest in hair fashion for today's modern woman.



Salon Nordine & Day Spa (Reston, Fairfax & Gainesville, VA); Stylist: Soon Chun; Photo: Scott Bryant





Salon Nordine & Day Spa (Reston, Fairfax & Gainesville, VA); Stylist: Petra Gebhardt; Photo: Scott Bryant



Bandeaus

A bandeau headband generally consists of a piece of fabric folded in half and stitched together. A typical bandeau generally has one very discreet vertical and horizontal seam.

The bandeau headband was initially worn in the early 1920s by Wimbledon tennis pro Suzanne Lenglen. Not only did Ms. Lenglen shock the world by being the first to wear a short skirt, she ditched the traditional tennis hat for a sleek bandeau that allowed her to see what she was doing on the court. Gee, what a concept!

The beauty of these soft headbands is that they look chic and fashionable, are easy to wear, stay firmly in place and can work in a variety of hair situations from growing out unruly bangs to showcasing curls and waves. L. Erickson, USA has unveiled a gorgeous rainbow of these little beauties in a soft sultry Lycra that will make you swear they are really made of silk. They're not, but you will love the sensuous feel of the instantly adjustable bands. Even better, they can be tucked into small handbags and liberated if you get caught in a sudden rainstorm, a blast of humid air or just need to pop

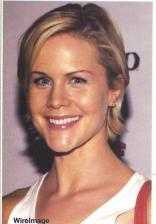
into a convertible. What could be better than a hair accessory that works to control your tresses for you rather than you working to control it? Available in a rainbow of colors from HairBoutique.com. For more information call 1-866-469-4247.





CCCOTITY GOOGLIGE By Dawn Bruno

If you had the chance to go through your favorite celebrity's cabinets and closets, would you? Of course you would! Because whether or not we want to admit it, there's a little bit of a snoop in all of us. But no need to climb any trellises, peek through windows or peruse any spy shops for the latest hi-tech surveillance equipment. ShortCuts combed through some of the best-tressed stars' bathrooms to find out which products they like to have on hand at home. Here's what we found out!



Josie Davis

We loved her as a kid in *Charles in Charge* and we adored her even more as all-grown-up sassy sweetheart to David (Brian Austin Green) in *Beverly Hills, 90210*. Fans can't seem to get enough of her hot-off-the-charts shortcut as she continues to make headway on must-see shows like *CSI: Miami* and *LA Law.*

What's in her cabinet? Behind-the-scenes celeb stylist, Robert Hallowell, who recently worked with Josie Davis, says what sets her style apart from the rest are a couple of products from his own personal line—Prawduct. According to Hallowell, she's especially partial to the Prawduct Super Volumizing Tonic (\$9.49), a spray that's packed with pure panthenol (vitamin B5) and extracts of natural organic basil for maximum volume and shine and the Prawduct Rawhold Hairspray (\$8.49; both available at www.hairboutique.com or by calling 1-866-469-4247), which has an herb garden complex infused with fennel and natural sunscreen to protect hair from everyday wear and from the sun's damaging rays.



Selma Blair

2004 is keeping Selma Blair very busy days with back-to-back films. Her latest flick, *Hellboy*, will be followed by *A Dirty Shame*, *Demarco Affairs*, *The Deal* and *Hating Her*. And on the schedule for early 2005 is *Synergy*. How's that for a tight schedule?

What's in her cabinet? Selma's on-the-go hair is kept slick with Phyto Pro Gel #8 (\$18.00; call 1-800-55-PHYTO for nearest location or log onto www.phyto.com). Enriched in active moisturizing (pro vitamin B5 and Ginseng extract) and protective agents (UV filter, vitamin E), this celeb fancy can shape a section, mold a style, spike the hair or can be used to create a "wet look."







Tress

By Karen M. Shelton HairBoutique.com

I have been going to a stylist for the last year, and she uses a beautiful blonde color by Matrix on my hair. She continues to raise her prices where she is now out of my league. I am trying to find out the color and volume of bleach she uses, but she refuses to tell me. Don't I have the right as a consumer to know what she has been using on my hair for the last year? Or is this a secret that stylists can keep from the consumer?

—Nell

You have asked a very good question, although there is no right or wrong answer. Any haircolorist can, and probably does, justify their refusal to disclose private haircolor formulas based on the fact that they have invested a lot of time and money going to cosmetology school to learn their trade. Even more importantly, good colorists spend a lot of additional time and money taking extended classes to develop their color expertise.

In essence, hair color formulas are the proprietary business secrets of the colorists that develop them. With this in mind, you can understand why your own colorist has every right to protect her formulas. The same is true with chefs who are very careful to guard their privately developed recipes. It is actually surprising that your haircolorost even told you that she uses Matrix color. Some colorists will not even reveal that much information.

As a consumer paying for a service, such as hair color, you have no legal rights to know what your haircolorist has been using on your hair for the past year. Since you voluntarily chose to go to her, and agreed to pay her whatever price she wanted for her services, she has a right to never disclose what she has been using on your hair to get the results you love. And even though she is using Matrix color, unless she tells you the exact shade, the volume of peroxide and whether she mixes more than one shade, you could conceivably go to 10 new haircolorists and still not achieve the same results.

Perhaps you can tell your colorist that you love what she does to your hair but because of personal reasons you can no longer afford her charges. Ask your colorist if there is some way that she can "extend" the life of your color so that you can continue to come to her, but maybe a little less often. Suggest that you use a "temporary or demi" color in between treatments which can cut the number of times you go for color in half.

Yes, it is frustrating for you, but it is her business right to refuse to tell you her secrets unless there is a direct potential of physical health danger to you. rent hairstyle. To my horror, the hairstylist accidentally nicked the skin on my neck while she was cutting my hair. Although she apologized repeatedly and seemed very embarrassed, I am wondering what she should have done after I was cut. She did apply an antiseptic spray to the cut and then a bandage. Does this kind of thing happen often? Should I have received the haircut for free? Should I contact my attorney? I am wondering if I should go back to ber the mext time? I lave my new bob but am still a fittle freaked out about the nick. —Donns from I as Veass

While it doesn't happen often, it's not uncommon for salon customers to randomly experience a small nick or cut during a professional hair service. Cuts or nicks can occur from scissors, razors or other sharp hairdressing instruments. There are a number of reasons, ranging from a distracted stylist to a genuine slip of the fingers for nicks to occur.

The key for hair consumers is to know how this type of incident should be handled when it does occur. Professional hairdressers and stylists are encouraged by published cosmetology guidelines and some state laws to follow Blood Loss or Blood Spill Procedures when nicks or cuts accidentally occur during hair services.

- If the cut is severe or the bleeding is profuse, 911 or another emergency service should be dispatched to the scene. If the cut is simply a nick or slight cut, the hairdresser should handle the injury at the salon.
- 2. When the problem is a small nick or cut, the hairdresser should instantly halt the hair service in progress and hand the injured client a sterile cloth to press against the cut. The hairdresser should then immediately wash her hands with liquid antibacterial soap to remove all traces of blood.
- After drying ther hands with a clean sterile towel, the hairdresser should cover her hands with a pair of protective plastic gloves before addressing the client's direct blood loss.
- 4. The newly gloved hairdresser should provide the nicked client with styptic spray and the appropriate dressing and/or bandage to stop the flow of any blood.
- 5. Under no circumstances should the hairdresser allow combs, brushes, nozzles or styptic containers to touch the broken skin or come in contact with the wound. This could lead to widespread contamination of the hairdresser's tools.
- 6. While still wearing protective gloves, the hair-dressing station should be completely disinfected

and any implements that have been in contact with blood should be treated with a broad-spectrum disinfectant with advertised protection against infections and diseases.

- 7. All blood-soiled items from cotton balls, salon gowns or towels should be double bagged and officially labeled as "hazardous waste." This waste should be disposed of according to state regulations.
- 8. The hairdresser should remove the protective gloves and again clean her hands with antibacterial cleanser and dry with a new set of sterile towels.
- If the cut is not severe and the flow of blood has been completely contained with a bandage, the hairdresser can resume the hair cutting service.
- 10. The use of any chemicals should be avoided if it is possible that they might irritate the new cut. The same applies to some types of styling products.

If your hairdresser followed all of the above steps, you were protected according to current guidelines from blood contamination. Should you have received a free service? Every hairdresser and salon is different—some hairdressers might voluntarily give you a discount on the service if the cut was serious. If the cut was minor, it is unlikely that a discount would be offered.

If the suggested steps were not followed to carefully disinfect your cut, you may wish for peace of mind to immediately contact your family health care professional and discuss the best course of action. While an attorney might be appropriate for severe or serious injury, if all the steps outlined above were followed, it is unlikely that you would have any legal recourse. An attorney would be appropriate if you experienced severe scarring, swelling, infection or other harmful or life-threatening side effects.

If you loved the haircut and believe that the nick was an uncommon event, you may wish to give the hairdresser another chance.

