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Hot Summer Dos

A more natural, tousled look with subtle highlights will be popular this season

In the quest for the perfect summer cut and hair color, the key is to always keep your personal style and tastes in mind.

When it comes to classic summer cuts, “the bob is always in,” says Joe Tristino of Linea Salon & Day Spa in Glen Ellyn, but he stresses that the stylist’s role is to create a shape specific to each client’s lifestyle and personality. “The stylist should create a look that is just for them,” he says

A short haircut can create an edgier shape and functionality to your look, says Anthony Muti, style director at Mario Tricoci, while long locks can be easily altered with new bangs.

Tom Lawler of Charles Ifergan Salon & Day Spa in Naperville, believes summer “trends are more subtle and give you a more polished version of yourself – more of you.”

The side swept bang is also more forgiving and compliments any face, says Patti Bohac, a color specialist at Linea. “An asymmetrical bang changes the balance of your face so that the eye



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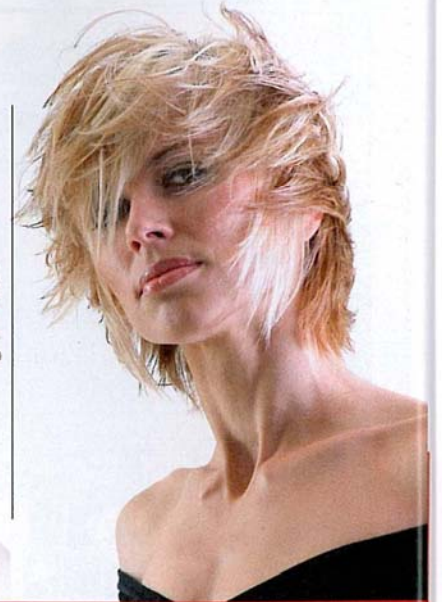


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doesn’t expect perfection.” Lawler also sees a trend “away from straight ironing and going for a more romantic, tousled look.”

Color trends are also changing with the season, with stylists emphasizing a more natural look, leaving well-defined streaks behind. “I’ve been seeing a lot more rich warm browns, a lot more monochromatic coloring and less stripe-y highlights,” says Lawler. Part of the reason for the trend may be the recession, since the more natural look requires fewer touch-ups between salon visits. — Liz Brown