

Hawaiian Tropic® Is Looking For a “New Face” – and It Could Be Yours! #NewFaceofHawaiianTropic



This post is sponsored by Hawaiian Tropic®.

By Kerri Sheehan

Gone are the days of the bitter winter weather, thick sweaters and pale skin. The sun is beginning to shine, and summer is peeking around the corner. It's time to shed what's left of your winter layers and welcome beach season with open arms. Before you step out into that sun, make sure you're prepared with some Hawaiian Tropic® products, so you can keep your skin healthy while still soaking up the rays. Don't fret if the colder months left you with some extra padding, as Hawaiian Tropic® announced that they are retiring their Miss Hawaiian Tropic Bikini Contests and launching an online search for the “New Face” of Hawaiian Tropic®. They are looking to celebrate the whole woman – inside and out – rather than just the way she looks in a bikini.

Do you think you have what it takes to be the “New Face” of Hawaiian Tropic®? The brand is inviting women to enter their nationwide Facebook contest and become the brand's new spokesperson. The woman who best embodies everything Hawaiian

Tropic® now stands for – someone who represents beauty, confidence, indulgence and style while enjoying the sun and keeping her skin healthy – will appear in Hawaiian Tropic® advertising, receive an all-expense-paid tropical vacation and serve as an official brand spokesperson. All you need to enter is a face and the desire for healthy glowing skin.

“The modern Hawaiian Tropic woman still loves to spend time in the sun, but also understands the importance of sun care in helping to keep her skin healthy,” said Danielle Duncan, Brand Manager of Hawaiian Tropic®. “We’re looking for a new face of the brand who captures that sensibility, and shares the Hawaiian Tropic philosophy that broad-spectrum sun protection can be as luxurious and pampering as any other beauty product.”

Hawaiian Tropic® has always been at the forefront of innovation, creating luxurious sun care that pampers and protects the skin. The brand introduced the first SPF 70 in 2000 and launched Silk Hydration sunscreen in 2012, the first sun care to combine ribbons of moisturizer and sun protection and a sure-fire way to keep your skin looking fresh and new! Hawaiian Tropic® has remained committed to offering premium, indulgent sun care products infused with exotic island botanicals and a signature tropical fragrance. These products make getting your daily dose of Vitamin D just as nice for your nose as it is for the rest of your face.

Beginning today through May 31, 2013, women can enter the contest by visiting the Hawaiian Tropic® Facebook page and submitting a photo and information about their personality and interests. Submissions will be reviewed by an independent panel of judges, and the top five finalists will be announced on June 28, 2013. Then, America will be able to vote on the finalist they believe best embodies the modern Hawaiian Tropic® woman by visiting the brand’s Facebook page until July 18, 2013. The finalist with the most votes will be unveiled as the New Face of Hawaiian Tropic® on July 19, 2013. Throughout

the contest, you can also enter to win weekly prizes, including designer sunglasses, beach towels and Hawaiian Tropic® products.

You can enter and vote on the New Face of Hawaiian Tropic® contest on [Facebook](#). For more information about Hawaiian Tropic® brand sun care products, please visit www.hawaiiantropic.com.

Giveaway: Inspire, Harmonize and Unwind with green&glam's Body Care Kit



This post is sponsored by green&glam.

By Nicole Cavanagh

Here at CupidsPulse.com, taking care of ourselves while protecting our planet and its surroundings is an important part of our everyday routine. As ladies, we use multiple beauty products without realizing what harmful ingredients might be in them. In keeping up with Earth Day this month we wanted to give a shout out to green&glam, an all-natural

company that you can trust. They carry top-quality collections of natural hair and skin care items that don't sacrifice performance for the sake of being 100 percent natural.

Tara Verkuil, founder of green&glam, was a mom who became fed up with all the toxic ingredients found in beauty products and felt that well-known brands were jumping on the eco-friendly bandwagon and "greenwashing" consumers. This feeling ultimately inspired her to create green&glam, a collection of natural beauty products that rival the performance of the biggest names in beauty while keeping the world beautiful and pure. The products are all formulated with certified organic ingredients and sustainably sourced essential oils. They're sulfate-free, paraben-free, vegan, cruelty-free and toxin-free.

One of our favorite items from green&glam is their Body Care Kit. This 24-ounce kit, which includes Shea Body Butter, Body Wash, Body Oil and your very own body sponge is good for all skin types. With three fantastic scents available – Inspire, Harmonize and Unwind – you can choose the mood and essential oils that you desire. These Body Care Kits are indulgent and super luxurious, offering a perfect organic beautifying treatment. Now, one lucky CupidsPulse.com readers will win their very own green&glam Body Care Kit. It's time to treat yourself, ladies!

Finally, be worry free and trust that your products' ingredients are natural and safe – good for both you *and* the environment. green&glam will transform your hair and skin from the inside out.

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~~the contest is over, and they will have three days to respond back with their contact information. The deadline to enter is 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, April 15th. Good luck!~~

Congratulations to Diana Devlin!

Top 5 Hot Hair Tips You Should Be Taking from Celebrities



By Dixie Somers

Many celebrities are known for having great hair. It's no surprise that people want to recreate their styles for themselves ... and their partners. Here are five hot celebrity hair tips that can easily get you that fresh look for your next hot date:

Blunt Bangs

Have you just gone through a rough break up and you're looking to spice up your look? Go with the blunt bangs. Celebrities like Jessica Biel and Olivia Wilde often wear blunt bangs. It's a simple style to have done at a hair salon (or at home

with the right experience). To get this look, hair will be combed forward, in front of the face. Then it will be cut straight across to the desired length. An easy way to maintain it is to simply use a flat iron on low heat, or use a round brush and blow dryer.

French Braids

Going on a hike or a fishing trip with your man? It's time to try out the French braids. Rihanna and Anne Hathaway have been spotted many times with this look. It takes only minutes to achieve. Simply choose the desired location of the braid(s) and separate dry hair from that area into three equal sections. Then braid those sections and tie the end. Straight hair is easier to braid and looks neater, so a flat iron can be used for curly or frizzy hair.

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Soft Wave Curls

Going out for a night on the town with your girls? Hit the club like a celebrity with the soft wave curls. Beyonce and Megan Fox frequently dawn soft wave curls. It's one of the most versatile hairstyles that look great on almost everyone. This look is simple to achieve, all that is needed is hairspray and a curling iron. The first step is to separate dry hair into small sections. The next step is to grab each section, one at a time (holding the hair at the ends), and lightly spray each section. Last, with a medium sized curling iron on low heat, wrap each section around the barrel for about ten seconds.

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Sleek and Straight

If you've got a fancy dinner date with your boyfriend, the sleek and straight is a classy look you can't go wrong with.

Mila Kunis and Jennifer Aniston love this look and it only takes two products to get the same results. All that is required is a flat iron and a protective heat spray. First, lightly apply the spray (it will protect hair from excessive heat damage and also add shine). Then, flat iron dry hair by grabbing one small piece at a time. Using a flat iron that is one to two inches is recommended.

Slicked Back

Want to go for something a little different, but still classy? Show your boyfriend you've got the guts to do something new with your hair. The slicked back look is fresh and sexy, so it will turn heads. Jennifer Lawrence and Hayden Panettiere regularly wear this style casually and on the red carpet. It can be worn in two ways. One way is the wet look. To get this style, simply apply hair gel and comb hair in a backward direction. Another way is the soft look. It's the same procedure, just replace the hair gel with hairspray. It may seem simple, but it's in style right now.

Celebrity Hair & Makeup Artist Predicts Anne Hathaway Will Steal The Red Carpet at The Oscars





By Whitney Baker and Nicole Cavanagh

Celebrity hair and makeup artist Julia Papworth finds her inspiration just about everywhere: from fashion magazines or local newspapers to sites like Pinterest and Vine, she's always looking for new looks to try. "It's important to find an image you love and then take it and make it your own," she said. By making a few small changes, you can create a unique style that will represent your particular personality and specific style.

Although Papworth focuses on hair and makeup, she often collaborates with stylists to ensure that, together, they're creating "a full package." Fashion and jewelry must align with hair and makeup to invent a character, whether it's for a red carpet, a work meeting or even a first date.

Speaking of red carpets, for the 2013 Academy Awards, Papworth hopes to see a lot of old school Hollywood glamour. To her, there is nothing better than a woman just being pretty. "No gimmicks or crazy blue eye shadow and insane hair. I just love beautiful looks and classy dresses. That's what the Oscars are all about!"

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Two great examples of this style from the 2012 Oscars are Emma Stone and Penelope Cruz. Stone took a risk by wearing red, a color that redheads often avoid. Her polished updo paired perfectly with the dramatic neck of the Giambattista Valli gown, making for a very sophisticated look on the young starlet. Cruz, on the other hand, opted for a romantic and flowing periwinkle dress by Armani Prive, which was both "stunning and super vintage."



So who will steal the show this year? Anne Hathaway, according to Papworth. “She has been on point all year long and has been more adventurous with her pixie cut,” the stylist shared. Many women with short hair think they can’t be stylish or feminine, but Hathaway is a prime example of how to do it right. She keeps her look fresh and varied, mainly by “playing with color.” Changing your lip color or even your nail color will give your style a bit more edge when you have a short and simple haircut.

Papworth is also excited to see what Jennifer Lawrence, Quvenzhané Wallis and Jessica Chastain will be wearing. For Lawrence, she hopes to see a pretty, polished updo. As for Wallis, she always likes to see how the younger stars manage to look beautiful while still being age-appropriate. Chastain should wear a color that complements her luscious red locks, such as emerald green or deep plum.

Related Link: [Get the Latest Fashion Style from ‘Hunger Games’ Star Jennifer Lawrence](#)

This classic style holds true for men and even couples too. Papworth is a big fan of the clean, classy look that Justin Timberlake has been rocking lately. In terms of couples, “it’s nice to have a picture where you look like you go

together.” You and your man – famous or not – should complement one another and support each other’s style. In addition to predicting the looks for this Sunday’s big show, Papworth is also a go-to source for everyday style, something that comes in handy if you’re getting ready for a first date.

Take a look at her three tips below and keep them in mind as you’re primping and hoping to impress that new guy.

1. Be comfortable. “If your uncomfortable in anything you’re wearing or how you look, all your going to do is think about that. If you’re wearing uncomfortable shoes, you’re not going to be able to hear a word your date is saying because you’re just going to think about how your toes hurt.”

2. Keep it simple. Simplicity is always best when it comes to date. You may be “super wound up and excited and want to make a big splash when meeting someone for the first time, but honestly, people want to see you and hear you and what you have to say.” Something simple, classy and chic is the best way to translate your personality to fashion and beauty.

3. Don’t experiment. A first date isn’t the time to try anything new. You always want to put your best face forward, so stick to something that works rather than something that *might* work. Don’t test run a new hair color or makeup product. Of course, experimenting isn’t always a bad thing. It’s easy to get stuck in a style rut and do the same thing with your hair and makeup; Papworth has even fallen victim to this mistake.

Stepping out of your comfort zone may be challenging, but you have to give yourself some “tough love” and just do it. It’s also helpful to turn to those around you for their opinions. “Confide in your girlfriends. They’ll give you that extra push.” You should chat with your stylist too: he or she can help you find something new that you can recreate at home.

As Papworth says, “It’s about finding that perfect marriage.”

You can catch Papworth's work on 'Legit,' an FX comedy on Thursdays at 10:30 p.m. EST.

Giveaway: Take Your Relationship Out of the Box with Déjà mor



This post is sponsored by Déjà mor.

By Whitney Baker

In honor of Valentine's Day, we wanted to bring you a giveaway that is sure to enhance your love life! Déjà mor offers the first subscription service for couples that delivers romantic care packages right to your door. Each customizable shipment is filled with specific products and detailed instructions, separately designed for each individual's needs.

As CEO Rodrigo Fuentes says, "52 percent of Americans are dissatisfied with their love life. Children, work and busy lifestyles often don't give couples the time, creativity or confidence to be their romantic self. That's where Déjà mor comes in: we help couples easily and confidently express love through intimate experiences."

The beautiful sample box includes directions for preparing a sensual bath and bubble bath, rose petals, a glass vial for a secret message and suggested romantic phrases to include in the vial. Add a bottle of wine, and you've got everything you need for a romantic evening with your partner.



Three types of subscriptions are available from Déjà mor: the yearly (\$29/month), the monthly (\$35/month) and the gift (\$136/three months). In addition to the personalized care package, each subscriber receives access to members-only content on the Déjà mor website, including romance tips and special content to improve your experience.

Lucky for you, one CupidsPulse.com reader will win a three-month gift subscription to Déjà mor – perfect for adding a little intimacy to your relationship!

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This giveaway is now closed.

Giveaway: Embrace Your Feminine Self with *fantasy twist* and *Couture La La*



This post is sponsored by Elizabeth Arden.

By Whitney Baker

They say that scent is one of the primary forms of attraction. Lucky for you, in today's perfume world, there are so many fragrances to choose from that you're sure to find one that pleases your partner's senses. For those of you who have yet to discover a scent that screams (or smells like) "you," Valentine's Day is a wonderful time to continue your search. Two fragrances that you must try are Britney Spears's *fantasy twist* and Juicy Couture's *Couture La La*.

fantasy twist gives you not one but two scents to make your own. Joining two of Spears's best-selling fragrances in one unique package, it includes *fantasy*, a potion of succulent fruits, white florals and creamy musk that results in a cupcake accord, and *MIDNIGHT fantasy*, an intoxicating blend of woody musks, vanilla and exotic fruits. As the pop star said, "I wanted to combine two of my favorite fragrances into a sophisticated bottle, giving my fans the power to choose the scent they desire at any given moment."

With *Couture La La*, Juicy Couture introduces their second fragrance, which reveals the daring and unexpected side of the well-known Juicy girl. "She's confident and fearless but at the same time flirty and feminine," LeAnn Nealz, President and Chief Creative Officer of Juicy Couture, explains. "*Couture La La* evokes her free spirit, and in turn, she makes a statement without even trying." If this woman sounds like you, this fragrance, which blends sparkling fruits, white florals and smooth wood, is the perfect one to spray.

And now for the fun part: we're giving away two bottles each of these two delightful fragrances. Four CupidsPulse.com readers will win a bottle of either Britney Spears's *fantasy twist* or Juicy Couture's *Couture La La* – just in time to impress your man after Valentine's Day!

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Congratulations to Ashley Elizabeth Gehm, Bryan Elfant, Amy Orvin and Lynette Barbieri!

Giveaway: Pure Romance For This Valentine's Day



This post is sponsored by Pure Romance.

By Whitney Baker

If you're trying to plan the perfect Valentine's Day date for you and your man, you may be feeling a bit stressed as the holiday quickly approaches. Trying to keep the night low-key but romantic and special, you've decided to cook a gourmet meal – paired with a nice bottle of wine, of course – before the two of you enjoy a candle-lit dinner and some alone time at home. Perhaps you want to give your partner a sensual massage as a calorie-free dessert. Wanting to look your best, you've also bought a new dress and some sexy heels. But what else can you do to let your love know how much you care?

For some much-needed help with the evening's plans, look no further than [Pure Romance](#) and its premiere line of relationship and intimacy products. The company's goal is to empower, educate and entertain women as they strengthen their relationships and marriages. Not only can you purchase these fabulous items for yourself, but you can also host a girls' night to introduce your friends to these products.

One lucky CupidsPulse.com reader will win a Pure Romance gift basket filled with the following goodies (totaling \$107 in value), sure to reignite the spark in your relationship – or perhaps even light a new one! – just in time for Valentine's Day.

- **Burning Desire:** To set the mood, light this soy massage

oil candle and enjoy its sweet fragrance. Once it melts, the candle doubles as a warm, rich body balm that lasts up to 20 massages.

- **Pulsa Bath Ball:** This sponge, which requires two AA batteries, can be used to lather up in the shower or bath and doubles as a personal massager.
- **Body Dew:** A spritz of this moisturizer will leave your skin feeling soft and sexy.
- **Serenity:** This aromatherapy massage lotion will help you feel relaxed and confident, ensuring you a blissful night of romance.
- **Body Bling Brush:** Kissable Body Bling makes your skin appear to be a rich, shimmering gold and can be worn throughout the day and night.
- **Lip Locked:** Two tubes of Naughty and Nice flavored SPF 15 lip balm will help your kisses be better than ever before.

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Congratulations to Sarah Northcutt! We hope you enjoy your prize package!

Giveaway: The Best Celebrity

Fragrances of 2012



This post is sponsored by Elizabeth Arden.

By Whitney Baker

While the season of gift giving is upon us, it is also the season of stress and crowded malls and last minute shopping. With the endless options of presents, how do you ever decide what to get your sister, best friend and co-worker? One idea – something that is unique and smells good to boot – is purchasing a new perfume. With that thought in mind, we decided to round up the best celebrity fragrances of 2012 – and hopefully help you out with some of your holiday shopping. Plus, two lucky CupidsPulse.com readers will win a bottle of Wonderstruck by Taylor Swift!

1. Girlfriend by Justin Bieber: It's no surprise that the pop superstar's first scent, Someday, was the biggest celebrity fragrance launch in history. The name of his second fragrance, which debuted in June of this year, captures a dream-come-true for so many of his fans: to be Justin Bieber's girlfriend. Perfect for the Belieber in your life, Girlfriend combines fruity notes of mandarin and blackberry with exotic scents of pink freesia and star jasmine, topped off with vanilla orchid and luminous musk.

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2. FAME by Lady Gaga: Of course, this musical sensation makes sure everything she does is one notch above the rest – and the development of her first fragrance was no different. FAME is the first-of-its-kind black Eau de Parfum: using fluid technology, it is black in the bottle but invisible once airborne. Created with her little monsters in mind, it smells of belladonna, incense and apricot and empowers its wearer with its mysterious scent.

3. Pink Friday by Nicki Minaj: Nicki Minaj partnered with Elizabeth Arden for her debut fragrance, named after her 'Pink Friday' album and world tour. Building off of her signature sound and style, she wanted this scent to be a celebration of her life and a reflection of herself. The fragrance includes mouth-watering fruits, pink foral petals and the warmth of vanilla, musk and woods. If the smell isn't enough to grab the attention of Minaj's Barbz, the outrageous bottle design will surely do the trick.

4. Nude by Rihanna: Described as "sassy and feminine" by the songstress herself, this fragrance – the third one by Rihanna – is a sweet floral and fruity scent with a vanilla background. With a base of sandalwood, orchid and "second skin" musk, the fragrance offers a feeling of intimacy and bare skin to its wearer. The simple yet beautiful bottle design adds a touch of sophistication to the scent as well. As Rihanna said at the fragrance's launch, "It's subtle but makes a statement no matter what."

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5. Wonderstruck Enchanted by Taylor Swift: The newest scent in this country crooner's Wonderstruck fragrance collection, this perfume smells of creamy flowers, like peonies and white freesia, mixed berries and vanilla musk. Of Wonderstruck Enchanted, Swift says, "Wonderstruck is about that moment when you instantly feel a connection to someone, but then there's that feeling of being completely enamored – enchanted – when

you know a little more about that someone.” It’s a perfect present for anyone who loves Swift’s honest and heartfelt lyrics.

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Congratulations to Jessica Wroblewski & Shannon Pacella!

Giveaway: Holiday Gift Guide 2012: Our Favorite Gifts for Her



This post is sponsored by Elizabeth Arden, Good Works, Eyedoll Chatter, Native Union, MyMela & EyeMajic.

By Jennifer Ross

The holiday season has just started and already you are overwhelmed with what to buy your loved ones. Do you run around town, waiting in endless lines, hoping to find something perfect for your mother, daughter or wife? Who has that kind of time? Fortunately, thanks to the team at CupidsPulse, you don't have to. To cut down your holiday shopping time—and save your sanity—we have sought out some great holiday gifts she is sure to love. Even better, we are giving away some of these products to a handful of lucky visitors—see italicized notation under each product below. For information on how to enter, scroll down below to the bold copy marked **GIVEAWAY ALERT**.

1. Justin Bieber Girlfriend- perfume and lotion: For the one in love or wanting to be in love, [Justin Bieber's Girlfriend](#) fragrance tempts all your senses. Flirty, personal and inviting, this fragrance is designed to include three unique notes. "The Chance" begins with notes of sparkling pear, crisp mandarin, rich blackberry and mara strawberry. "The Dream" lures you in with notes of pink freesia, star jasmine, apricot nectar, and orange blossom. "The Kiss" excites your mind with notes of Vanilla Orchid and Luminous Musk. Its wrap-around bottle design and revolutionary magnetic bottle cap is fresh, new and designed especially for her heart.

(1) Holiday Giveaway: perfume & lotion set

2. Good Works Metallique Gunmetal Crystal Bracelet: Part of the "Metallique" collection for Good Works, this multi-wrap around bracelet will give any outfit a superior edginess with a feminine flair. The metallic gunmetal leather is glamorized with studded crystals, a circular belt buckle and inspirationally themed phrases to make a bold statement in style.

(4) Holiday Giveaways: gunmetal crystal bracelets

3. Eyedoll Chatter Mineral-Based Cosmetics: Perfect for young

girls, [Eyedoll Chatter](#) Mineral-Based cosmetics is a new interactive line of mineral makeup kits that let your tweens and teens build their own colorful, scented shadows, blushes and lip glosses. Better yet, they can share their creations via text, Facebook or Twitter thanks to EyeDoll Chatter's free iPhone app. Each of these adorable "it kits" comes with six different components. Eye and cheek kits have three all-natural colors and three scented shimmers (think birthday cake, cherry blossom, etc.) made with cosmetic-grade, skin-friendly fragrance. The lip kits have three colored glosses and three scented balms. The idea is to mix and match to your heart's and your senses' delight. The looks that can be created range from school-appropriate to party-sensational and they are all something to talk, text and tweet about.

(5) Holiday Giveaways: Hello Kissy Lipgloss Sets

4. Native Union POP Phones: Have something important to say or simply love to chat? The original retro handset from [Native Union](#) allows you to say it with style, anywhere! Manufactured with a high quality speaker and microphone for crisp sound and clarity, this classic 50's Blakelit design telephone comes in many vibrant colors and patterns, with a luxurious soft-touch texture for improved calling comfort. Access to phone functions are convenient when making calls. It is compatible with notebooks and all mobile devices, including tablets, smartphones and cellphones. Best of all, you can choose from either a wired or Bluetooth® technology POP phone.

(1) Holiday Giveaway: POP Phone (black)

5. MyMela Bangle Set: For the sophisticated woman at work or out on the town, MyMela Bangle Set will pull together your look wonderfully. Enjoy this set of three black and blue bracelets, hand made in brass, that can be worn individually or all together. Priced under \$15.00, this item is perfect either as a gift or stocking stuffer. Approximate size is 2.5" diameter. Nickel-free hypoallergenic.

6. Eye Majic's Select 16 Kit: For the woman on-the-go, Eye Majic's Select 16 Kit allows her to apply instant eyeshadow flawlessly for any occasion. At \$19.95, the kit comes with 16 applications of eyeshadow (10 matte and 6 pearl colors), one "foxy lady" application, one eye majic eyeliner, one "set in stone" practice application and a demonstration DVD.

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Congratulations to all of our winners!

Lucy Long – Justin Bieber's Girlfriend Perfume & Lotion

Herman Carol – Gunmetal Crystal Bracelet

Karen Miller – Gunmetal Crystal Bracelet

Briana Christina – Gunmetal Crystal Bracelet & Hello Kissy Lipgloss Set

Amy Orvin – Gunmetal Crystal Bracelet & Hello Kissy Lipgloss Set

Diana Devlin – Hello Kissy Lipgloss Set

Leisa Allen – Hello Kissy Lipgloss Set

Sadie Anne Rue – Hello Kissy Lipgloss Set

Moni Lynn – POP Phone

Make Your Holiday Hair Wishes

Come True with Hair Products from Folica



This post is sponsored by Folica.com.

By Jennifer Ross

With the holidays upon us, you already received and RSVP'd to one of the hottest holiday parties in town. Then, your best girlfriend tells you that your ex, who is still gorgeous, will be there alone. You want to make sure he notices you, and you're already off to a good start. Since your breakup six months ago, you're routinely exercising again. You're also taking great care of your hair, which he always complimented you on when you were together. It's a good thing you receive all your wonderful hair products, like the Moroccan Argan oil, right at your door step by shopping online from Folica.com. Never missing a day, your girlfriends notice the difference in your hair, and soon, your ex will too.



Sedu Anti-Frizz Polishing Treatment with Moroccan Argan Oil

One thing is certain: Folica knows your hair is your most important accessory. That's why in November and December they're offering a special promotion where everyone wins up to \$50 to spend on hair styling products at Folica.com. Just think of all the fantastic hair care products you need to keep you looking your best. A few favorites are the Sedu Revolution Clipless Curling Iron to give you fabulous curls every time and the Sedu Anti-Frizz Polishing Treatment with Moroccan Argan Oil for shine and softness. Folica.com has virtually everything you need to create and maintain gorgeous locks. With over 60,000 great hair products, more than 300 beloved brands and over 70,000 customer ratings and reviews, Folica.com is your one-stop shop to recreate today's hottest hairstyles.

This holiday season everyone can cross great hair off their wish lists when they enter to win a credit for hair products at Folica. The best part is that 1 in every 100 entries wins a \$50 credit to spend on hair care. Don't put this wonderful deal off until the last minute! This Folica promotion ends on January 1, 2013.

Giveaway: Spice Up Your Date Night with Booty Parlor!



This post is sponsored by Booty Parlor.

By [Whitney Baker](#)

Your weekly date night with your man is here again, and it's your turn to plan something. To keep your relationship from getting stale, you decide to spice things up – after all, you can only go on so many dinner and movie dates. But where do you even begin? How can you surprise your honey without blowing your budget?

Look no further than [Booty Parlor](#), America's premier sexy lifestyle brand. Built on the premise that confidence is the sexiest thing a woman can have, this company sells award-winning products such as pheromone-laced perfume, aphrodisiac lip-glosses and kissable body toppings. Ultimately, Booty Parlor wants every woman to feel sexy and satisfied.

Founded by married couple Charlie and Dana B. Myers in 2004, Booty Parlor products are sold in many boutiques and hotels as well as online. Not only will Booty Parlor products make for a fun and romantic date night, but they will help enhance your

relationship and improve your connection to your man.



WHERE SEXY MEETS FABULOUS

Lucky for you, one CupidsPulse.com reader will win a Booty Parlor gift set including the following items:

- 'The Official Booty Parlor Mojo Makeover: Four Weeks to a Sexier You'
- Flirty Little Secret Firming Cream with Pheromones
- Flirty Little Secret Firming Bronzer with Pheromones
- Flirty Little Secret Luminizing Body Butter with Pheromones
- Flirty Little Secret Perfume Oil with Pheromones
- Kissaholic Aphrodisiac Plumping Lip Gloss (in Swoon)
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Top 3 Pre-Date Primping Rituals



By Dana B. Myers

Ten years ago, I met my husband on Match.com. I was on my *Husband Safari*, ready to meet *him* whether it took three months or three years. I was simply committed to the *process*. If you've ever done it, you know that the dot-com-dating experience can be exciting, daunting, thrilling, annoying and exasperating. It can boost your ego or leave you totally deflated.

As I made my way through the online dating numbers game, I felt all of that and more. But one thing I hadn't expected was how much time and effort the whole Husband Safari would take – specifically, the time it took to get ready for all of those first dates that went nowhere. Fergie and J.Lo may have teams of stylists to craft their every look, but as a mere mortal, it was just me and my make-up brushes left with the task.

Of course, beautifying oneself to attract positive attention from others is a basic human behavior. It wasn't as if I was going to show up with a bare face and a bad attitude. So, instead of begrudging the effort it took to prep for dates, I

chose to create seductive beauty and body rituals.

Related Link: [What to Wear on a First Date](#)

These sexy, simple pre-date rituals became one of the most powerful tools I had for shining up my inner sexy self-confidence. And you know what they say, right? Confidence in a woman is sexy.

Related Link: [Why Amazing Confident Women Remain Single](#)

Below are three of my best pre-date, primping rituals. They'll give you a chance to [flirt](#) with yourself, meditate on what you truly want from a mate, and also have some fun. Check it out:

1. Compliment Your Curves: Choose a flirty chemise to wear while you do your make-up and hair. A chemise is a much more curve-flattering option than a bulky towel for the in-between time after your shower, before you dress for the evening. (Leighton Meester wore Stella McCartney's sumptuous blue Clara Whispering Chemise on a recent *Gossip Girl* episode.) You'll instantly feel flirtatious and more feminine. Admire your gorgeous self in the mirror – you're irresistible!

2. Get Bedroom Eyes: With your brushes and shadows ready, prepare to create a soft and smoky look. Use pictures of Emma Stone and Keira Knightly as your eye-inspiration. As you apply the make-up, gaze into the mirror and imagine you're looking into the eyes of a future partner. Lower your lids a bit, and tilt your head slightly up and down; raise a brow seductively, never breaking eye contact.

3. Say "Eau Yes!": Choose an eau de parfum that matches your mood for the night – fresh, sultry, playful or mysterious. Then dab it on a few spots, like below your belly button, on your ankles, or on the inside of your elbows. Those less traditional spots will be your secret. The sense of smell can be very powerful when it comes to physical attraction, so use it to your best advantage. Take a page from Jennifer Love

Hewitt, and choose a perfume infused with pheromones to elicit an intense reaction that your date will forever associate with you.

Bonus Ritual: Affirmations

When your sexy beauty rituals are complete, say a self-loving affirmation out loud to help make a solid connection to loving your beautiful self. It's the ultimate self-confidence booster as you're preparing for your date.

Dana B. Myers is the author of The Mojo Makeover, which provides tips and tricks on beauty, love, sex and dating. She's also a sexy lifestyle expert and the founder of Booty Parlor.

Giveaway: Prevent Bad Breath on a First Date With Binaca Breath Fresheners



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By Sarah Ribeiro

After months of begging your girlfriend to help make it

happen, you finally score a date with the tall, handsome coworker you've been eyeing in her office. He finally takes notice and asks you out on an incredibly romantic date to a fantastic Italian restaurant. The only problem is that every meal on the menu features your worst enemy: garlic. How are you supposed to impress this guy when bad breath is getting in the way?

While this scenario may be your worst nightmare, there's an easy solution. Binaca breath fresheners, including Breath Drops and AEROblasts Breath Spray, will save the day in sticky situations just like this one. After all, Binaca breath fresheners are the only fresheners that have passed the "kissalicious" test. These products kill the germs that cause bad breath and dissolve lingering aftertastes instantly to make you ready for that kiss at the end of the night.

The best part about Binaca breath fresheners is that you can carry them around with you anywhere. In one small bottle, you'll get 150 drops or sprays of instant breath freshener in a cool, refreshing and kissable flavor of peppermint, spearmint or cinnamon. Just one drop or spray on your tongue after a meal, and you won't have to worry about your breath being anything less than fresh.

These breath drops come in handy beyond date night too. With all the great feast-filled holidays coming up, it will be hard to escape breath-killing foods. Garlic mashed potatoes, candied yams, stuffing, egg nog, and cranberries can leave you with less than fresh breath. If you want to impress your sweetheart and his family or friends, you need to keep your breath fresh – without missing out on all the festive treats.

For one week only, one lucky CupidsPulse.com reader will be getting a YEAR'S supply of Binaca breath fresheners to save them from a dating crash-and-burn. That's right, one year! Check out the giveaway below.

~~GIVEAWAY: To enter, "like" the [Cupid's Pulse fan page](#) on Facebook and leave a comment on the post letting us know you want to enter the Binaca giveaway. We will choose a winner on Monday, November 12th at 5 p.m. EST and notify them via Facebook. Once we do, the winner will have three days to send us their contact information. If we don't hear from him or her in that timeframe, we will choose another winner.~~

Congratulations to Shannon Pacella for winning a year's supply of Binaca breath fresheners!

Bianca can be found at your local Walgreens or at Binaca.com for a retail price of just \$1.99 for a 3-pack of breath drops or an individual breath spray.

Giveaway: Express Your Inner Barbz with Pink Friday by Nicki Minaj!



This post is sponsored by Elizabeth Arden.

By Jennifer Ross

Ladies, let's face it. No matter what frustrating gender-based challenges still exist in this male-dominated

world, women have more rights and freedoms than ever before, thanks to the hard work of our ancestors. That is not to say that everything is perfect; such a concept may never exist. However, in this day and age, it is finally possible to have your cake and eat it too. We are better women, better lovers and better mothers. If history has any knowledge of our future, chances are, we are only going to get better with time.

One woman familiar with the concept of having it all is Nicki Minaj. With her creative musical abilities, iconic sense of style and star originality, she set out to succeed in the male-dominated hip hop world – and has done an incredible job thus far. Minaj continually pushes through boundaries to achieve her extraordinary vision, something that her millions of Barbz (her fans' nickname) love to emulate. Determined to express herself through various mediums, she now applies her passion for life to the world of fragrance.

A natural progression in her blossoming beauty empire, Pink Friday is Minaj's first scent. Pink Friday captures her vivacious personality and effervescence in both its intoxicating notes and thrilling presentation. The fragrance mixes complementary playful and sultry notes of juicy fruits, creamy vanilla and sensual musk to create an exhilarating scent that ignites beyond the senses. The unique bottle design (seen below) is another example of her 'wow' factor.

Pink Friday is perfect for any occasion. Whether you want a playful floral scent to pair with your fun-loving personality on that first date or the sultry aroma of musk to wrap your skin on a romantic dinner with your spouse, this fragrance has it all. Lucky for you, Minaj is giving two CupidsPulse.com readers a **1.7 Pink Friday Nicki Minaj Eau de Parfum AND a Pink Friday Nicki Minaj Body Lotion!** The total retail value of each winner's prize is \$74.

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~~Friday Nicki Minaj Eau de Parfum and a Pink Friday Nicki Minaj Body Lotion, go to our [Facebook](#) page and click on the "like" button. Also, leave a comment under our Nicki Minaj giveaway post, saying that you want to enter the contest. We will contact the winner via Facebook when the giveaway is over, and he or she will have three days to respond back with his or her contact information. The deadline to enter is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 29. Good luck!~~

Congratulations to Lynette Barbieri!

How to Get Ready for a Big Date



By Isabella Franklin

Got a hot date coming up? Then it's time to pamper and preen before the big day. Spend time on your appearance and impress your new flame with your ravishing looks (and wonderful personality, of course).

Here's how to prepare in five simple steps:

Related Link: [Five Conversations to Avoid on the First Date](#)

Take care of your skin.

Pimples usually appear at the most inconvenient times, but it's important to look after your skin nonetheless. Exfoliate in the shower to remove dead skin cells and moisturize on a daily basis – paying particular attention to dry or rough patches. Learn how to make one of these face masks recommended by experts and try to relax, as this should prevent a spot outbreak.

Get rid of unwanted hair.

Want to impress Mr. Right? Then make friends with your razor and get rid of stubborn stubble. Bristly legs and bushy armpits are not attractive, so make an effort to de-fuzz. If you're fed up of shaving all the time, waxing removes hairs at the roots and can last for up to six weeks. Laser hair removal is also available at many clinics and can leave your skin soft and smooth permanently. A number of sessions are needed to remove all follicles, but you can have it in between dates – perfect.

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Shape your eyebrows.

While we're on the subject of hair, don't forget to pluck your eyebrows. Shape your brows nicely and avoid over plucking as this does not look good – here are a few basic rules. The inner edge of the brow should line up with the outside of the corresponding nostril and the highest point of the arch should be just at the outer edge of the eyeball. Not a fan of plucking? Then get your eyebrows threaded by a professional. This ancient beauty technique is very precise and is relatively pain free.

Book a haircut.

A new hairstyle can give you a confidence boost, so check into your favorite salon for a cut. Banish split ends with a trim or opt for something a little more drastic. Have a fringe cut in, experiment with curls or add a few sassy highlight. If you've already been for a cut recently, why not book a blow dry? Feel like a new woman and head out and about in style.

Dress to impress.

The right attire can do wonders for your figure, so dress to impress and look fabulous for date night. If you have an hourglass shape, show off your curves in a wraparound dress and if you're a pear, flaunt your slender upper half in a beautiful sleeveless top. Are you skinny or athletic? If so, choose clothes with frills and pleats as these will feminize your figure. Carrying a few extra pounds? Then wear a patterned top with a tailored jacket to trick the eye. Many surgeries offer liposuction surgery, but the right attire can slim you down.

Isabella has been a cosmetic surgery blogger since her days at university, she writes about various surgical procedures and non-surgical treatments. As well as blogging she enjoys spa days and exploring new beauty products, her latest new obsession is nail art.

Dermatologist Dr. Jeffrey Benabio Says to Keep it Simple When Grooming Skin for

Date Night this Fall



This fall don't let the cooler weather wreck havoc on your skin. As you plan those awesome autumn date nights you can now do it with confidence and keep your complexion looking radiant. Executive Editor, [Lori Bizzoco](#) had the chance to chat with nationally-renowned Dermatologist Dr. Jeffrey Benabio, called by Glamour the "rock-star of Dermatology." Lori and Dr. Benabio chatted about the types of foods you can eat, supplements you can take, and topical steps that help ensure your skin looks its best without breaking the bank. For instance, the new, mild formula in [Dove Body Wash](#) is a prime example of a product that works well for both men and women. *For more videos from CupidsPulse.com, check out our [YouTube channel](#).*

Erin Andrews Says Potential Partners Have to 'Compete' With Her Dad



If you ask Erin Andrews about her place in the pantheon of women's sportscasters, she will graciously credit the ladies who came before her. However, there's no doubt that she is a trail blazer in sports broadcasting. She has gained notoriety and admiration for her work ethic, knowledge, and natural on-camera abilities. All of this, she says, is part of being an "unapologetically strong woman." Recently, [Lori Bizzoco](#) had the chance to chat with Erin about her new career path, touting her father's influence as a main proponent of pushing her as far as she's come. Further, she says, her father stands as a standard for when she's dating. "He [her father] is a strong man by my side, and I think that's why I can't find anyone on the other side yet because they have to compete with my old man!"

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Anna Post Talks Etiquette Rules for Dating





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Oh, you think you've found the perfect man, haven't you? Everything is going swimmingly right up until... he lets off a biblical belch right in front of your friends. Or maybe he isn't entirely courteous to your server at the dinner party you planned with four other couples. Even worse, his sense of style leaves you cringing at the thought of anyone seeing the two of you together. Deal breakers or bad habits? Whatever the case may be, Anna Post, the great-great-granddaughter of etiquette queen Emily Post, knows what the books say about bad manners, and now, she's teaming with Ponds to help women put their best face forward.

What's great is that Anna is also up-to-date when it comes to technology etiquette in the dating world. For example, is it right for a man to ask me out via text? When should you change your Facebook status? To gain perspective, we chatted with Anna about the small behavioral details that add up to big relationship problems. From eating with your mouth open to digital dating techniques, Anna sheds insight on all of the things you may need to know.

To get more tips from etiquette expert Anna Post and join the beauty conversation, log on to www.facebook.com/PONDS.

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'L.A. Hair' Reality Star Anthony Pazos Says He'd Ask Khloe Kardashian for Love Advice



By Jessica Nappi

If you haven't heard of celebrity hairstylist Anthony Pazos yet, you'll certainly be familiar with some of his clients. From reality queen Khloé Kardashian to 'Twilight's' Ashley Greene, Pazos is in the fast lane with his star-studded clientele. He's even become a star himself, taking center stage in the reality television show 'L.A. Hair' on WE tv. As fortunate as he's been in his career, it looks like he's even luckier when it comes to love.

Pazos is in a six-year "committed and monogamous" relationship with his partner whom he "loves to death." Like Pazos, his partner is not shy in front of the camera. Unlike Pazos, whose radiant personality can be seen on reality TV, his partner is an actor who wishes to remain anonymous. But Pazos assured us that we've "probably seen him in some stuff."

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Even with his hectic schedule, he says that he always makes time for his one and only. "We both have goals, so we

understand that during the day, even if we don't see each other, we still love each other," he shares. "Then at night, it's our chance to reconvene and connect."

Pazos' relationship wisdom comes both from his own experiences and the abundance of clients who spill their hearts out to him. His best advice? "Write down what you need in a man, get out there and date. See if all those requirements are being fulfilled by that guy – but just know that nobody's perfect."

If Pazos wanted love advice from any of his clients, he said he'd choose Khloé Kardashian. "I've seen Khloé and Lamar [Odom's] relationship first hand, and they are very much in love," he says with confidence.

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Speaking of reality TV, Pazos defends his show, saying, "People think that the show is not real, and I want to make it clear that the show is very real. Everything you're seeing is really happening – it's not scripted." That means that even Pazos insulting Omarosa, the infamous 'Apprentice' star, is true: he really did say that she had "camel breath" after she offended him.

Giving us the behind-the-scene dirt on this showdown, Pazos reveals that Omarosa's people ended up tweeting him. "They wrote, 'We don't want you tweeting Omarosa anymore saying that she has camel breath.'" Pazos stood his ground and did not apologize.

Whether he's planning a date night with his partner or getting into egotistical fights on 'L.A. Hair,' Pazos believes that "love makes the world go round." Given his fast-tracked career and big personality, we are sure that his time in the spotlight is only beginning.

Of course, staying true to his background as a hairstylist, he

leaves us with this date night advice, “Never be afraid to pop in some hair extensions!”

Catch Anthony Pazos every Thursday on ‘L.A. Hair’ at 9/8c on WE tv. You can also check out his Facebook fan page or follow him on Twitter.

U.S. Women’s Soccer Star Hope Solo Chats About Her Training and Love Life



By [Whitney Baker](#)

Despite her hectic schedule as she prepares for the 2012 Summer Olympic games, Hope Solo, goalkeeper for the United State’s Women’s National Soccer team, strives to live a balanced life – both on the field and off the field. When she’s not training, she loves being social and enjoying life. As for romance? She is looking for a confident and honest partner, someone who wants the best in everything that they do.

Solo’s also partnering with Unilever to promote their Simple

Skincare line. As someone with sensitive skin, she understands the importance of a skincare line that she can trust as she travels from city to city.

For a chance to win a trip to Los Angeles and meet Solo, visit the Escape with Hope Facebook page!

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Blissful Shrinking: FaceFX Irons Away Wrinkles



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There are so many products on the market when it comes to improving skin texture, or reducing fine lines and wrinkles—from creams to Botox, to spa treatments and even plastic surgery. But, many of these are expensive, painful or require outside services. What if you could get a more natural, younger looking appearance in the comfort of your own home? Well—now you can!

There's an amazing new anti-aging device, [FaceFX by Silk'n](#) that allows just that. FaceFX uses a revolutionary new approach: Home Fractional Technology – a safe and effective

method that provides stimulation of heat and light energy to multiple layers of your skin, without high levels of discomfort. This hand held light emitting diode (LED) device is extremely simple to use with quick results. It's used three times a week at first and once a week after that for maintenance. Each treatment session lasts 15-20 minutes and noticeable results appear within 3-7 weeks.

With winter here, who wants to trek through the snow for a youthful glow? Now is the time to ask your partner for the perfect holiday gift; one that will boost your confidence.

Right now, Silk'n is offering an exclusive holiday discount: 20% OFF [FaceFX](#). This is an amazing offer for a very limited time (until Dec 31 2011). Go to their homepage and use **DISCOUNT CODE: SEEME**.

They are also having a give-away throughout the months of December and January. 1-2 free units will be given each week to individuals who "like" them on [Facebook](#). This year, try the solution that will give you flawless skin and a great date night appearance.

Hair Battle Spectacular's Blondie Talks Hair Tips for Dating





By Melissa Tierney

Picture yourself getting ready for that big first date. You've picked a cute outfit, shoes and bag to match. You searched high and low for that great bracelet to go with it. You're finally getting ready to do your hair and make up when crisis strikes. Hair catastrophes are unique for everyone, which makes Oxygen's Hair Battle Spectacular such a compelling show.

Hair Battle Spectacular, hosted by Eva Marcille, pits up-and-coming fantasy hair stylists against each other for the top \$100,000 prize.

Ashley Stone, better known as **Blondie**, left an indelible mark on audiences, judges, and fellow contestants alike. Not only did she win the big challenge of the first episode with her Nicki Minaj-inspired hairpiece, but she also made it to the final four. Despite running her own salon and business for the better part of a decade, Blondie was new to avant-garde and fantasy looks. However, she hit the ground running and has catapulted herself to the forefront of the competition.

Blondie recently talked to us about her experience on the show, giving us some behind-the-scenes insight. She also shared a bit of hairstyle advice when it comes to date night or a break-up as well as what hair trends to expect this fall.

What influenced you to leave your salon to compete on the show?

The girls I worked with. They are all younger than me and kept pushing me to do it. They thought it would be a great experience, which it was. As a business owner, you must be able to take risks and know when to take them, and I felt this was the right time.

Was the show what you expected it would be?

I didn't know what to expect before I went on. It taped in six weeks, and I was only allowed to make one phone call home per week for just five minutes, so that was hard since I was away from my husband and son.

Why did you decide to do "show" hair when so many stylists shy away from doing up-dos, let alone extravagant hairdos like you do on the show?

I never really decided to do "fantasy" hair. I'm a colorist now, but I started my business by doing bridal parties and going on-site for big events. I love up-dos, but I never had experience with fantasy hair, so it was completely new to me. Other contestants knew how to use materials and techniques that I didn't, but I learned things along the way and got the hang of it.

How did it feel being in the final four?

I had mixed emotions. At that point, I was very homesick. If I had to go home, I wouldn't have minded, and I would have been happy knowing I tried my best. But I wasn't surprised I made it (not to sound over-confident). I just feel that I'm a great hairdresser, and I was confident in my abilities even though I didn't have as much experience as the other contestants.

Do you have any regrets about doing the show or anything that may have happened on or off the screen?

No, I don't. I didn't like a few people on the show, but I also ended up making some friends from the show, so it went both ways. I don't like the drama, and certain contestants were all about that. A few of them liked to play mind games, and I'm so not about getting into people's heads.

Since we are a love and relationship advice site, what tips would you give the single ladies out there for a perfect first date hairdo?

It's very simple. If you're going from work to a date, just leave your hair straight during the day, and when you get

home, curl some pieces of your hair with a curling iron and pin them back into a little up-do. It's the perfect date look and only takes ten minutes to do.

Any advice for women who just ended a relationship? Should they do a completely drastic change – color, cut, etc.?

I would say a change is definitely in order but I wouldn't recommend something too drastic. If there's something women should change when they are going through different stages in life, it would be their hair color. Color can always be fixed, while a cut cannot. If you chop it all off, it will cost a pretty penny to get extensions to try and mend the situation.

A different color will give you that instant boost after a break-up. You can change the base color, do a glaze or add some highlights, and it's a great pick-me-up.

Are there any tricks of the trade you can share with us to help women out there look fabulous even if they can't hit the salon as often as they wish?

I'd suggest women allow their hair to air dry the night before and then go over it with a round brush and blow dryer in the morning. It will be easier to blow out and isn't as bad as when your hair is soaking wet.

What major trends are you seeing this fall?

I'm seeing a lot of women dye their hair red – either a copper red, a violet red or a bright red, anything on that spectrum. When it comes to how women are wearing their hair, it's either beach waves or silky smooth and straight thanks to Keratin treatments.

And finally, how would you describe your own hairstyle? How did you get your nickname "Blondie"?

I've always been a blonde, and I've tried every shade of blonde out there. I typically keep my hair straight, but occasionally, I curl it.

I got my nickname from my sister-in-law; she always calls me

“Blondie.” Also, I feel I’ve always been a blonde in a sea of brunettes.

For more information, visit Blondie’s personal twitter @TeamBlondie and her Salon’s twitter @SalonAlexander. For information on her services, visit SalonAlexander.com.

Contest Winners: The Stickiest, Sweatiest, Most Stressful Dating Stories



I had gone to a birthday party for my best friend from college a couple of months ago. While I was there, I had the opportunity to meet all of her friends from home. There was one guy in particular who was very cute, but I thought nothing of it. The very next day, my friend calls me up and says the guy is interested in me and would like to go out to dinner and a movie. OMG! The night of our date, I walked into the restaurant with butterflies fluttering in my stomach. I spotted him in a second but I was very confused because he was sitting up close and personal with another girl! I was mortified. I honestly thought I was being Punk'd. Who ends up asking you on a date and then shows up with another person?! As I ran out of the restaurant I tripped on

my shoe; as if it couldn't get any worse. He didn't even notice. He's still very close with my friend and as he explained it to her...his ex came crying and screaming to take him back that night. Personally, I think he could have called and saved me the humiliation and trip to the restaurant. I still run in to him often and it's so uncomfortable. I know it makes my friend uncomfortable too.



WINNER #2: Katie S.

I was having a nice dinner at a restaurant with a girlfriend one evening, when the man sitting at the the table next to us (let's call him Pete) offered to buy us a drink. We made small talk with Pete and his business colleague throughout the evening and when he was finished with his dinner, he handed me his business card and asked me to please call him sometime. Pete said that he was very interested in taking me out on a date. Seeing that I had just ended a five year relationship only months prior, I felt flattered and excited about the possibilities that lay ahead. All hope was not lost on a broken long-term relationship. The two men paid their check, said their good-byes and left the restaurant. About three minutes later, Pete was back. I thought to myself, "Wow, he really is interested in me." He smiled as he approached us but instead of continuing his gaze in our direction, his ocean blue eyes hit the floor. It was not out of shyness though. He was on a mission to find something he had left behind. He looked on the table and under it. Then, all of a sudden there it was..a shiny gold wedding band. Sitting right there on the floor next to his seat. I stared in utter disbelief that he had been so careless, not to mention that he even took it off in the first place. He picked up the ring, looked at me and said, "My colleague left this behind and asked me to get it for him." I gave a partial smile and turned away. Needless

to say, I never called him. I am not writing this sticky situation on my account. I am writing it on behalf of that man who must have felt like a complete idiot when he had to come back and admit in cold blood that he was lying about his relationship status. I'm just glad that I found out the truth before any date took place.

Giveaway: Do It Yourself Beauty- Say "Yes" to Shaving Less



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When I first received the [Silk'n SensEpil](#) laser hair removal device, I had a little hesitancy about using it. As a woman who doesn't really mind shaving, I wasn't interested in embarking on a new technological adventure. I just wanted to stay in my little shick and bic disposable world. After all, I had been shaving my legs for 20+ years and never had a problem with it.

For a few days, the device sat on my desk staring at me in its pretty pink box. It also sat there staring at the team of

young ladies working with me. Everyone was enthralled and wanted to test it out. Even my brother, Frank who had been visiting from out of town asked me about the product. "I haven't actually tried it yet," was my response. "However, I do need to test it out this week."

That evening, while I was cooking dinner, Frank decided to open the box, and read the instructions for me (I think he secretly wanted to test it out-lol). He set it up, so that all I had to do was put it on the area I wanted to treat and go! To my surprise, it was easier than I thought. Actually, too easy. I turned it on, waited for the indicator light to illuminate and began the process of testing it on my leg.

I even snapped a few before photos to showcase the results but unfortunately, they didn't come out so well. I guess that's what happens when you try to take close-ups with a blackberry. Again, it all goes back to being too lazy to buy a new camera and read the operating instructions. It's just not my thing. But, here's a photo that did come out well.

One of me using the device:



It was so easy to use the [Silk'n SensEpil](#) laser hair removal device. You put it on the area you want to treat, and hit the button. A light flashes, a quick pulse of heat touches the surface of the area and bam...it's done. It's virtually

painless. It did take some getting used to the heat but it goes away before you can even really register that it happened. A full leg takes about 15 minutes. At first, I thought it would be inconvenient to use this but considering that most of my morning is spent shaving my legs and underarms, this is definitely worth the time it will save me in the long run. And, the cost is so reasonable, at \$499.00, it not only beats the spa treatments by a large margin but razor blades can add up pretty quickly too.

Once I got past the fact that I had to learn a new technology (which was nothing to worry about), I was excited about the experience. More time, less money and smooth legs. There's really no reason not to use it, buy it and love it.



Special Discount:

From September 1st through December 31st, 2011 you can receive an extra 20% off your purchase of Silk'n SenseEpil products (\$200 minimum purchase required). To redeem this offer use this code: "Beauty20." Don't miss out on this great opportunity for rapid, beautiful, hairless results.

Giveaway Winner:

When we first posted about [Silk'n SensEpil](#), the company offered to give one lucky winner a chance to win the home device. All you had to do was submit your very own humorous or horrific hair removal story. The contest ended on September 23 at 12:00 p.m., and we had a great story come in from Melissa Cabellero. Melissa, who was sick and tired of waxing her boyfriend's back was struggling for an easier solution when she heard about our contest. Well, Melissa...your wish was granted. Congratulations!