

Pulling Off Celeb-Inspired Hair Trends

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We often look to celebrities for tips on what to wear, where to shop, where to eat and even how to work out. The rich and famous lead lives that leave everyone else wanting in, particularly when it comes to beauty. Now not all of us can have Kim Kardashian's makeup artists or Blake Lively's hair stylist but that doesn't mean you can't take some of your favorite Hollywood looks and make them your own. We're showing you how to pull off some of the hottest celeb hair trends this season.



Blunt Bangs

Everyone from Olivia Wilde and Rose Byrne to Zoey Deschanel and Salma Hayek is rocking this eye-catching look. Not only does it highlight your cheekbones and showcase those gorgeous peepers, but it can add an instant edge to your overall look.

The important thing to remember with a blunt bang is to pick a style that flatters your face shape. Typically straight-across one-length cuts work best on those with strong jaws or larger foreheads while those with rounder faces should opt for more sideswept looks that elongate facial features.

Styling Tip: Blunt bangs, while they seem simple, are very high-maintenance. They require a lot of care and often style time, so if you're not willing to pack an extra comb and dry shampoo in your purse, proceed with caution.

Also remember that unless you have surgical-level steady hands, get your bangs cut by a professional. Nothing takes a look from sleek to sloppy like choppy uneven bangs.



Fewer looks are more beloved than classic hairstyles of the golden age of Hollywood. Countless starlets like Angelina Jolie and Adele often grace the red carpet with looks reminiscent of the 1940's glamour era and it's crystal clear why. A vintage-inspired curl adds instant drama and sexiness to a look.

Classic waves work whether you have long or short hair and can be achieved a number of ways. If you want to go for a very voluminous, loose wave, opt for setting your hair in curlers and letting them dry naturally or blow-drying them before teasing at the roots and combing all over for a glamorous look.

For Veronica Lake-inspired finger waves, take a curling wand/iron and curl sections of hair toward your face and pin at the root while they cool. Once you take the curls down, comb through them to achieve that classic wave.

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Style Tip: To add extra glamour to your vintage look, pair it with voluminous lashes and attention-grabbing red lips.



Extreme Color

Celebrities like Katy Perry and Rihanna have made it a habit of shocking the public with their style, particularly when it comes to their hair. Perry made a splash this spring when she traded her signature raven locks for bright pink and then electric blue looks and Rihanna put her own spin on the ginger trend when she went fire-engine red.

Now neon hair isn't for everyone but if you're one of the braver ones that want to attempt some extreme color into your style, you can experiment with semi-permanent dyes for temporary looks that are washable if you happen to change your mind.

Also, taking a walk on the wild side doesn't necessarily mean dying all your tresses violet; you can embrace the trend subtly by adding a few colorful pieces to your overall look. Recent popular hair trends like hair chalking that allow you to actually paint sections of your hair any color of the rainbow allow you to embrace a little crazy color without fully committing to the extreme look.



Cut

Emma Watson and Michelle Williams really brought the pixie cut back this year. The boy-inspired cut, first made famous by 1960's fashion model Twiggy, has been popping up all over Hollywood, most recently sported by actress Anne Hathaway.

This look is certainly not for the faint of heart, especially if you've never experimented with short hair before. If you're considering trying out a pixie cut, go to your local salon and find out what kind of cut would best work for your face shape. Round faces should try looks with heavier bangs and fuller crowns to add length like Ginnifer Goodwin. Oval faces can go a little more extreme a la Emma Watson while heart-shaped faces or those with prominent jaws should stick to looks that offer a bit more versatility and length like Carey Mulligan.

Whatever the look, remember anything you see in a magazine or on the silver screen can be adaptable to your own look. What's really important to remember is hair trends are always changing and to make sure you're trying out looks that work for you particular features and not just ones that seem to be the latest fad.