

## **SWIMWEAR SPECIAL**

# **RULE-BREAKING SWIMSUITS**

Fed up with swimwear dos and don'ts? We quizzed the pros to find the most flattering options for every body type—and threw out the rule book

















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"The jumpsuit is the all-encompassing garment that takes the thinking out of an outfit," says Chorny. (The only thing that does require more thought is bathroom breaks.) Getting dressed is just one step, like putting on a favourite dress, but with an edgier '70s-glam vibe. A scalloped white lacy number or a sleek long-sleeved pant

to beach picnics. Chorny is currently putting the finishing touches on her fall collection (picture rich velvets, sheer silks and plunging necklines—"Elvira Hancock meets Run-DMC"), and embroidery inspired by her Ukrainian heritage is on the horizon for next spring. While we may draw the line at leaping out of a plane, these decorative suits have us jumping for joy, without revealing a thing. -Veronica Saroli. Photography by Adrian Armstrong.

version is a good investment for everything from summer weddings

TAESSA CHORNY MARA JUMPSUIT, \$295, TAESSACHORNY.COM



"Sometimes you just need something to regret and that's why God invented bangs."

@SarahKSilverman, May 5, 2015

### **BEAUTY MATH**

Lush lashes and clear-lacquered lips add up to a simple look we love



A HIGH-SHINE TRANSLUCENT LIP GLOSS LIKE **ILIA** LIP GLOSS IN WHITE RABBIT, \$20, BEAUTYMARK.CA

First-time director Elizabeth Banks kept it easy and elegant for a VIP screening of her film Pitch Perfect 2 in London, England, on April 30. Curl lashes and then apply three or four coats of jet-black mascara with sculpting fibres to enhance lash length and volume. Swipe on a sheer, goldon the lips. —Natasha Bruno

# **TALKING POINT**



playfulness and sexiness.

closely with her seamstresses, in Toronto.

The jumpsuit is arguably the most versatile of wardrobe pieces. In

what else could you (a) parachute, (b) impersonate the King of Rock

and Roll and (c) go to brunch? Toronto-based designer Taessa Chorny

decided to celebrate the garment with an eponymous line devoted to it.

worked on bespoke cocktail and wedding dresses, as well as jump-

suits, and she says the experience provided better understanding of

the female form and the importance of selecting the right fabric.

But, says Chorny, "it was when I was creating the jumpsuits that I

really noticed the feeling they gave the women, the ease and comfort,

denim, ranging from long sleeves to spaghetti straps and including

pant and short lengths, Chorny has created something for everyone—

especially the localist, since she both sources materials, and works

Offering 11 styles that come in soft jersey, cotton and Tencel

Before launching Taessa Chorny for Spring 2015, the designer

# **NOT-SO-BEST DRESSED**

Our expectations for how Met Gala attendees would dress for the China: Through the Looking Glass exhibit were not high. But we were pleasantly surprised at how celebs dressed respectfully and not offensively—for the most part. Poppy Delevingne's comment that she "came as opium," in her poppy-strewn Marchesa gown, was insensitive to the legacy of the 19th-century Opium Wars between Britain and China, and Emma Roberts's chopsticks-in-bun updo wasn't the best choice. That being said, the evening's faux pas resulted from not fully understanding the significance or origins of what was being worn, which will hopefully be remedied by the cultural exposure from the exhibit (this year's is three times the size of last year's). -Veronica Saroli





# ONE TREND, TWO WAYS **MIRRORED NAILS**

Leave the jewellery behind. Glistening silver on your fingertips is an edgy way to accent bronzed skin and your favourite swimsuit.

# 1. Chromed up at Dsquared2

Manicurist Antonio Sacripante applied highly reflective nail-art foils to squared-off nails followed by a coat of silver lacquer for a simple, eye-catching mani. No foils? Get this look by smoothing on ultra-metallic nail-wrap stickers and file off the excess before your coat of varnish.

# 2. Shreds of sterling at Kenzo

Once nails were painted with a base colour, manicurist Naomi Yasuda randomly applied mismatched strips of silver origami paper across the nails for bespoke art. Tip: Apply pieces of nail stickers to wet polish and seal them in with a glossy topcoat. —Natasha Bruno



JAMBERRY NAIL WRAPS IN METALLIC CHROME SILVER, \$18, JAMBERRYNAILS.NET. OPI NAIL LACQUER IN PUSH AND SHOVE, \$11, SALONS.



# Jenny Packham

The Duchess of Cambridge wore a yellow dress from the designer to present Princess Charlotte Elizabeth Diana to the world.

# David Beckham

One day after joining Instagram on his 40th birthday, the soccer player and model had 4.7 million followers.

# **STYLE THERMOSTAT**

Cara Delevingne The model's racy Tom Ford billboard was banned from being posted within 100 metres of any school in Britain.

# **Original Designs**

A sporty neon Alexander Wang dress was knocked off by Nasty Gal, and Louis Vuitton lost its trademark Damier check pattern.

## Apple Watch

The small pool of early adopters means there are few people users can send "digital touches" like drawings, taps and heartbeats to.



# Suit yourself!

Think a bikini isn't for you or a daring neckline won't work? We disagree. We spoke to three experts about how to find a great-fitting swimsuit that flatters your figure—and debunked a few myths along the way. Forget the "rules" and jump into a suit you love

BY VANESSA TAYLOR





# MYTH 1: LARGER BUSTS CAN'T GO STRAPLESS

Freddy Zappe, national fit specialist for Freya Lingerie and Swimwear, sums up the secret to wearing a bikini if you have a fuller bust: Buy swimwear with cup sizing. "Women are wearing bikini tops that come in small, medium and large, but what if they're a G cup and a 30 band, meaning a smaller rib cage with a larger bust? They buy a size up and then constantly feel like their breasts will pop out," says Zappe

The key is a precise fit: It's the same process as getting measured for a bra. Look for local lingerie shops that also offer swimwear for a customized fit. The band width should be your exact size and fit snugly, while the cup should cradle and shape the breast. For a strapless style with a fuller chest, underwire is paramount. "For this style, the weight is distributed around the torso, not the shoulders," says Zappe. For a comfortable fit that allows you to stay active, "the underwire should sit behind the breast tissue, against the rib cage, not on top of breast tissue."





### **MYTH 2: ONLY WASHBOARD ABS CAN WEAR BIKINIS**

As a brand rooted in activewear, Lolë ensures its swimwear collection is equal parts functional and fashionable, but it's the wide variety of silhouettes that makes this line so appealing. "The right fit makes you feel beautiful inside and out," says Andy Thê-Anh, the company's design director. "You can mix and match pretty much any pieces, so you can always create an à la carte look," he says. Case in point is this sporty two-piece—the high-waisted bottoms offer a few extra inches of coverage for anyone not feeling a Brazilian-cut brief. "This style boasts a front panel with power mesh that creates a sleek silhou-

ette around the tummy," says Thê-Anh. The on-trend sporty top blurs the line between sports bra and bikini, and the sheer mesh panels offer additional coverage without a heavy look. Plus, you can further customize the fit with adjustable straps. Perhaps the best part is this line is entirely made from chlorineresistant fabrics with a UPF of 50 to help shield you from the sun.

LOLË SAMUI ATHLETIC TOP, \$50 (XS-XL), MATIRA BOTTOMS, \$40 (XS-XL), LOLEWOMEN.COM

# **BEACH-SEASON STRATEGIES**

Designers, skincare experts and our own team share the tips and tricks they use before slipping into their swimsuits and out into the sun

BY VERONICA SAROLI



VIRGINIA JOHNSON, founder and designer at Virginia Johnson virginiaj design virginiajohnsondesign

"I try to take lessons from the 80-year-old women I see in France who are comfortable in their own skin and still look great in their bikinis.'



JESSICA HOTSON, creative director at the Kit (2) @thekit

"I take a pair of high-waisted bottoms, in case my tummy gets too much sun, and a one-piece, for when I need to cover up a little on those last days when you feel sunned out!'



KIMBERLEY NEWPORT-MIMRAN, founder and designer at Pink Tartan @kimnewport

@kimnewportmimran "Be careful when diving in a two-piece!"



ALEX LAWS, senior editor at the Kit

(alexlaws) @miss\_laws

"I have one black bikini, and I mix and match with all my other tops and bottoms-strapless, halter necks, full bums and string pants. I never wear the same combo for a whole day, which avoids sitting in a wet swimsuit and getting bad tan lines."



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"Dry brushing before the bath or shower helps improve circulation and the look of



at the Kit 💟 @ranisheen @ranisheen



RANI SHEEN, beauty editor

"Snorkelling cannot be done without a swim shirt or T-shirt. Sunscreen will wash off, you'll be too distracted to notice and your back will burn to a crisp—I learned that the hard way in Belize."



A moulded underwire top can easily be converted into a bandeau, while mini board shorts can be worn alone or over your bikini. **H&M** BIKINI TOP, \$20 (32A-38D), SHORTS, \$20 (2-12), HM.COM

Slimming bandeau

the straps, this suit has

uber-flattering side

panels along with a cute

cut-out in the back.

OLD NAVY SWIMSUIT, \$43 (XS-XXL), OLDNAVY.CA

need a bikini top under it NORMA KAMALI RASH GUARD \$260 (XS-L), BOTTOMS, \$140 (XS-L), NET-A-PORTER.COM

Leg elongator

Channel your inner

Baywatch babe with this

'90s high-cut leg style

and low scoop back.

# Sexy swim shirt

guard will change your mind about swim shirts, but you since there is little support.

This cool cropped rash

Curve enhancer Blurring the lines between bikini and one-piece, this cutaway style creates fantastic curves.

Flamenco frills

This suit's ruffled neckline is

the best of both worlds-

a little coverage without

being conservative.

FILOSOFIA SAMBA

\$815 (38-48), NET-A-PORTER.COM

# Extra-flattering tankini A tankini offers extra

coverage while this bold print keeps the eye moving We love the subtle cut-outs on these classic briefs. SEAFOLLY TANKINI TOP, \$147 (4-10), BOTTOMS, \$75 (4-12), SEAFOLLY.COM

**MYTH 3: PETITE BUSTS CAN'T** 

**WEAR PLUNGING NECKLINES** 

It seems to be a common miscon-

ception that a daring, plunging

neckline is reserved for those with

Kardashian curves. In reality, this

suit is engineered specifically for a

smaller breast size. "This style offers

a softly moulded cup, and the vertical

pleats give the illusion of a slightly

enhanced bustline," says Maria

Mavromatis, fit expert at made-in-Canada Shan Swimwear. Another

feature is that this halter-style suit

allows you to customize your support

and lift. "Even if you've got a smaller

chest, you still need support," says

padded cookies (the removable pads

added into the lining of the bra of

the swimsuit), Mavromatis suggests

veering toward natural. "The goal

is to look sexy, so you can add in

a little bit of enhancement with a

thin cookie, but avoid anything very

thick," she says. "Don't make your

While she has nothing against

Mavromatis.

chest look fake.'

SHAN SOFIA SWIMSUIT, \$290 (6-10), SHAN.CA

## Bikini boost This bustier-style top offers more support (and lift!) than a basic triangle-cut bra.

LA VIE EN ROSE TOP

neither high waisted nor low rise? This classic cut is a flattering option you can be active in.

Sporty & nautical

Looking for a bottom that's

GAP TOP, \$45 (XS-XL), BOTTOMS, \$42 (XS-XL), GAPCANADA.CA



Wow wetsuit

For a sporty update, this

wetsuit-inspired crop top

and bottoms are a great

fuss-free alternative.

ADIDAS BY STELLA MCCA-RTNEY CROPTOP BIKINI, \$95 (XS-L), SPORTINGLIFE.COM







### Killer curves Top of the trends A retro-cut halter creates bombshell curves with an adjustable neckline and

ruching detail at the hips VITAMIN A BRENA

## This locally made-to-order set melds a rad limited edition artist print by Maiko Gubler with a sporty silhouette. **LEILANNI X** MAIKO GUBLER OP, \$125 (XS-L), BOTTOMS, \$90 (XS-L), LEILANNI.COM



# and stand out against her sleek hair and 2. Boho babe

basics—a perfect look for when you want

Between the large proportions, olive green

up the A-list glamour of Rita Ora's specs

Follow Poppy Delevingne's lead for modeloff-duty cool. Slim wire rims and lenses give these neutral sunnies a bohemian vibe when teamed with tousled hair and weekend

# to skip makeup altogether

**WEEKEND UPDATE** 

of our lists

1. Supersize it

BY NATASHA BRUNO

**FULL CIRCLE** 

3. Tricked out The unique shape and exaggerated keyhole bridge of this head-turning pair infuse Vogue style editor-at-large Flisabeth von Thurn und Taxis with chic.

## playful charm. 4. Power couple

Bold sky blue shades and a swipe of contrasting ruby red lipstick à la Gwen Stefani create a striking sunny-weather look

## 5. Pretty pastel hue and funky gradient, these lenses amp

The latest trend in shades was made famous by '60s musicians like

John Lennon, became a'90s grunge-style essential and is now top

If you prefer a more subtle statement show your sweet side by opting for soft pale shades like model and DJ Harley Viera-Newton's lavender pair.

# 6. New wave

Not only do rounded frames give iconic Wayfarer-style sunglasses a fresh look, but the simple neutral lines and lenses team well with formal outfits like Emma Stone's midnight blue lace frock.

# The It item

Amber lenses and a classic tortoiseshell pattern give these rounded sunglasses sophisticated wear-with-anything allure. ANN TAYLOR VERANDA SUNGLASSES, \$86,



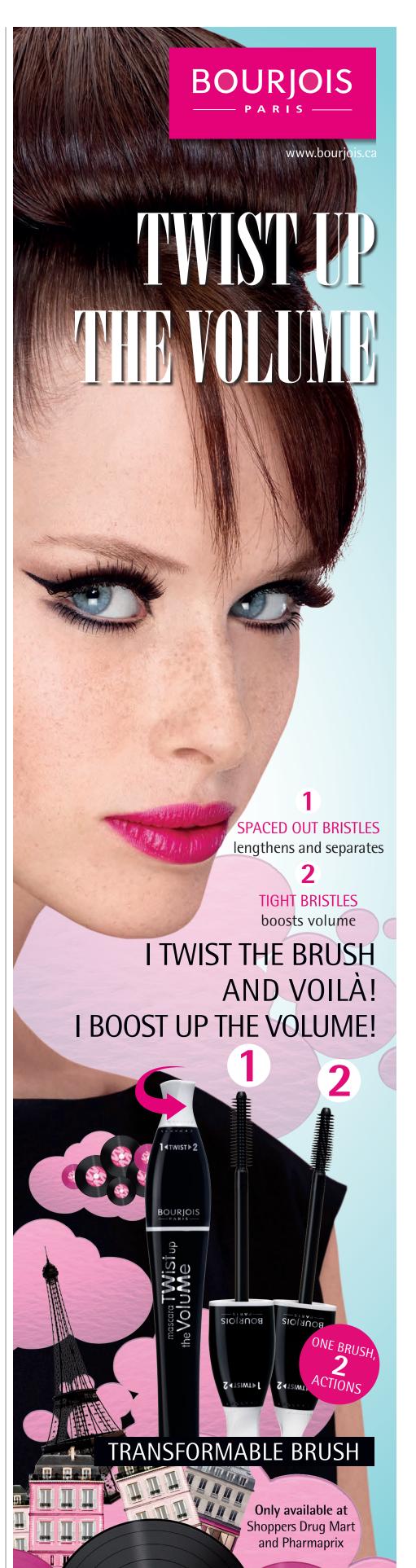
# **ONE-MINUTE MIRACLE**

# Dear Philips BikiniGenie:

From time to time, between waxing appointments, one may notice the need for trimming. Scissors seem too risky, and while scouring the bathroom for a suitable shearing device, one may be tempted to settle for one's boyfriend's beard trimmer. Until now: You're lightweight, easy to clean and impossible to cause injury with. Best of all, you trim to a maximum length of 3 millimetres, eliminating the risk of accidental bald patches. Everyone's a winner.

Forever yours, Alex Laws

PHILIPS BIKINIGENIE BIKINI TRIMMER, \$20, SHOPPERS DRUG MART



Off the runway, are spring's saturated strands a win or a wash?

BY JULIA SEIDL

Ever since Linda Evangelista was discovered in my hometown of St. Catharines, Ont., I've been obsessed with the transformative power of model hairstyles. Some 20-odd years later, supe hair is still capturing my attention: In Balmain's Spring 2015 ad campaign shot by Mario Sorrenti, not only are Joan Smalls, Adriana Lima and Rosie Huntington-Whiteley battling it out in a game of old-school Nintendo, but they're doing so with seemingly drenched,



sopping-wet locks-and giving me a case of serious model-hair envy.

Fresh-from-the-shower strands have become runway mainstays-this season at Zac Posen, Thakoon and of course Balmain-but it's a look I've always dismissed as only for the catwalk. Lately though, a bevy of beauties on the red carpet (which tends to be less edgy than the runway) have started to change my mind. Jennifer Lopez, Rita Ora and the newest supe on the block, Gigi Hadid, have all made a splash with slicked-out manes that appear wet to the touch.

Hadid's New-York-based stylist, Jennifer Yepez, broke it to me that it's all one big trompe l'oeil. "It's a dry interpretation of the wet look," she says. "You can't actually go out with wet hair; it's going to dry eventually." Yepez fakes it with a lot of wet-look product, and extends the reflective effect only about an inch past the ear, leaving the lengths dry for a softer finish. "If you slick it all the way, it makes it too masculine."

Following Yepez's advice, I soaked my towel-dried hair with mousse, applied heaviest at the roots for grip, and a thermal protectant cream on my ends. Blow-drying one side at a time, I used a Mason Pearson boar-bristle brush to pull each side back as tightly as possible, following the curve of my head and leaving a hint of volume on top. To create the saturated-sheen effect, I used what seemed like an entire can of extra-hold hairspray on my roots (a word of warning: Crack a window before you spray)

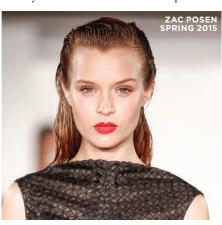


and finished by flat-ironing my hair from the mid-shaft to the ends.

Since my ears were suddenly playing a starring role in my look, I took the opportunity to show off my favourite front-andback earrings. I chose a silk tank top with a plunging neckline (a tip from Yepez) to avoid any impression that I had actually just stepped out of the gym showers.

I was impressed with my handiwork, though the results didn't scream supermodel strands. My roots felt crunchy and didn't look quite as wet as I had hoped, so I immediately began thinking of ways I could improve next time—like trying one of the brand new wet-look products on the market-because there will definitely be another attempt.

However, when I showed up to dinner with my new do, the first thing out of my friends' mouths was a synchronized request for a tutorial. Two of them even made plans to play stylist to each other later that week, to replicate my look. It seems I'm not the only one interested in the life aquatic.



Above: Inspired by Spring 2015 runway hairstyles, writer Julia Seidl tries out the wet look for dinner



HAIR SPRAY, \$34, SALON L'ORÉAL PROFESSIONNEL WE DOMINATION BY TECNI. AF SHOWER SHINE, \$26, SALON DRYBAR HOT TODDY HEAP PROTECTOR FRIZZ FIGHTER \$38, SEPHORA.CA

Jennifer Aniston

on set with Living Proof.

**CELEB STYLE** 

# Beach babe hair

The owner of arguably the most recognized tousled Californian locks on the planet, Jennifer Aniston shares her summer-hair tips

BY ALEX LAWS

Jennifer Aniston is as famous for her shiny, blond highlights as she is for the Rachel. (Just don't ask her about that.) She has practically patented her trademark California-beach-babe look, so she obviously knows a little something about keeping hair healthy during the scorching summer. The actor, producer and businesswoman became co-owner—and chief product tester of haircare brand Living Proof in 2012. She spoke to us from her ocean-view kitchen about beating the heat.

Even sleek-haired celebs are not immune to bad summerhair days, says Aniston. "It's called humidity!" she jokes. "That's just walking outside and my hair turning into sort of a big 'fro." Unsurprising, then, that one of her first test drives was of the brand's No Frizz line. "I remember looking at them and thinking, this is great because I'm about to go to North Carolina, where it's 100 degrees, 100 per cent humidity, and this hair is not going to handle it. I was thrilled with how well

She remedies dry, sun-fried hair with a "reboot" in the form of a deep-conditioning treatment every Sunday, using a new overnight mask called Night Cap Overnight Perfector. "At first I thought, 'You're asking me to put lotion on my head at night and I'm not going to wake up with a greasy head of hair or

"Every human being has a bad hair day—even the guys."

with my sheets totally destroyed?" Her skepticism subsided, and Aniston has been a convert of the product ever since: "Your hair is vibrant and shiny, and there's not a spot on the pillow. They're working with mad scientists over there."

Aniston comes to the rescue of other people's parched locks too. "A friend of mine had her hair coloured with balayage a few weeks ago, and it was just fried. She drenched her hair in the Night Cap and the life came back to it." The actor recognizes though, that there's no way to avoid bad hair days altogether. "I have very few now, but every human being has a bad hair day—even the guys." Speaking of unavoidable, I ask what she thinks about the return of the Rachel haircut and am gently put in my place like a stray strand: "You're asking the wrong question. I don't think the Rachel ever left, did it?'



HAIR DAY NIGHT CAP OVERNIGHT PERFECTOR, \$34, SEPHORA.CA

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**PRESS PLAY** 

# EASY BRAID UPGRADES: THE SIDE SWEEP

Fashion editor Vanessa Taylor shows how to emulate a punky side-shaved look with a tight French braid



1. Texturize and deep part For this look, work with day-old hair or run a curling iron through your hair to create texture. Start by making an exaggerated side part and begin your braid at the temple.



2. Create your braid French braid your hair, pulling the hair really tight and keeping as close as you can to the hairline.



3. Secure the end When you've finished, pull the braid around to the back of your head and secure with bobby pins



HAIR HOW-TOS

4. Disguise the pins Once it's in place, position the rest of your hair over the bobby pins to hide them from view

### **COOL COLLAB**

# Yaz in Wonderland

Paris-based accessories designer Yaz Bukev is as fun and larger-than-life as her cartoonish accessories. With brightly lacquered lips, she is animated and vibrant, hopping into the bathtub mid-photo-shoot

BY VANESSA TAYLOR

To describe Yaz Bukey, the animated accessories designer, best known for her cheeky clutches and pop-icon brooches, as someone with a fertile imagination is a huge understatement. She arrives for our meeting in brightly painted lips, pink faux-fur high heels and accessories from her collection—including a necklace adorned with Plexiglas fingers. Mid-interview she's game to jump in the bathtub for a photo op (swapping the bubble bath for inflatable balloons in the shape of lips). It's just a regular Wednesday morning in the world of Yazbukev.

Every season, Bukey dreams up a full cast of characters and builds a collection around them. She even takes on the look herself, sometimes changing her apartment to match. This spring, she reimagines characters found in a Parisian café. The tourist carries an old-school pink camera bag, and the artiste has patent-leatherand-Plexiglas paint-tube clutches. There are also statement pieces with her signature C'est Ahh parted lips (which she designed to look like a woman having an orgasm) and even a gold Amex card called the Yazbukey Express Clutch.

For her collaboration with Shu Uemura, in stores now, Bukey's characters include four women all pining for the same man, Mr. Shu Shu. This time, though, she narrates her story through colour. "I discovered makeup when I was 11 and destroyed my parents' house," says Bukey. "I was not afraid to play with makeup—I would try putting lip gloss on my eyelid to get a new effect." That sense of play comes through in her collection: A reddish copper colour in her eyeshadow palette is the eyeshadow base as well as a highlighter for the cheekbones. While the products themselves are fun, the packaging also carries her sense of whimsy. Bukey imagines each product to have its own persona—she happily lines up the cleansing-oil bottles to show me how it looks like all of the animated faces are in the midst of gossiping.

Bukey is rarely seen without her signature red lip, so creating the perfect scarlet lipstick was one of the biggest, but most rewarding, challenges of the collection. "I liked that this red works for me, as well as pale and olive skin tones." The secret: a rich red with a matte blue undertone. C'est ahh.



"You can change a simple black dress by changing your lipstick or brooch. Play with them and become who you want to be for a moment in time."

"Vlike the fact that you can play; I have a clutch you can go on a date with [that says "oui" and "non"] and there is no need to say anything; just turn the clutch to let him know how the date is going!"



"We want to have fun; we all work like crazy; we need an escape and this is an easy way to do it, When you are at home in your PJs and then you get dressed and put makeup on, you come alive!"

# **INNOVATION**

# THE WETTER THE BETTER

Water is the key to enhancing the performance of these new skincare offerings

BY VERONICA SAROLI

# 1. Splashy sunscreen

After travelling through South Asia three years ago and attempting to develop a sunscreen for the region, Shiseido research scientist Satoshi Yamaki invented a lotion that thrives in wet conditions, and it won him the grand prize at the company's 2015 New Product Idea Competition. The UV protection in this formula actually gets stronger when the minerals present in the sunscreen and in water or sweat bind to create a UV block that lasts for 80 minutes. So don't sweat your sunscreen—or do.

 ${\bf SHISEIDO}$  SUNCARE ULTRA SUN PROTECTION LOTION SPF 50+ WETFORCE, \$49, THEBAY.COM

# 2. Smoother shower

Cut down your shower time and boost skin's moisture all in one go with Jergens's new lotion for just-washed skin. Made with glycerine and nourishing coconut oil or antioxidant-rich green-tea oil, the cream latches onto residual water on the skin to seal in hydration. After your shower, simply rub on the non-greasy moisturizer right away, pat dry and get dressed without waiting for the moisturizer to absorb.

JERGENS MOISTURIZER FOR WET SKIN, \$11, DRUGSTORES IN JULY

# 3. Personal tanning booth

Hot and humid showers can make the bathroom feel like you're on a tropical vacay, but without the tan to prove ituntil now. St. Tropez has created a self-tanner to be applied in the shower. After washing your body, turn off the tap and slather on the lotion; leave for three minutes while the active ingredients sink in; rinse and dry off as usual. Your tan builds gradually with each use-no trip to the equator required.

**ST. TROPEZ** GRADUAL TAN IN SHOWER LOTION, \$31, SHOPPERS DRUG MART IN JULY



# **CORRECTION**

An advertisement for the Dove "Choose Beautiful" contest published in the May 7, 2015 edition of The Kit misstated the contest start date. The correct opening date for the contest was May 7, 2015.



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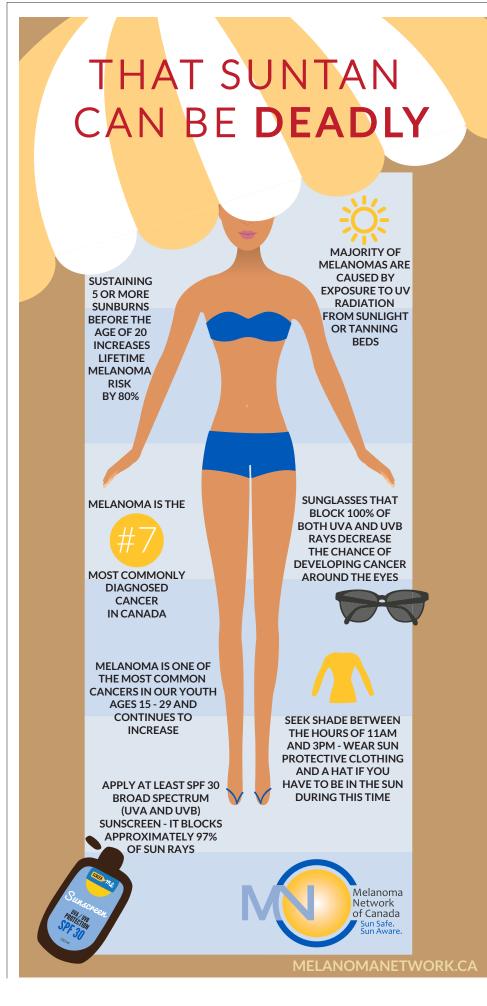
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