

BEAUTY GAZETTE

Hairstylists' secret weapon...a sharp, new way to shape brows...what "green beauty" really means...

CULT FAVORITE

WHENEVER WE ASK hairstylists which hairspray they use, the answer is almost always L'Oréal Paris Elnett Satin (\$14). "The aerosol spray produces a mist that's lighter and finer than anything else I've tried," says New York City hairstylist Eva Scrivo. Too bad for us that the propellant creating this exceptional mist wasn't compliant with U.S. environmental standards, which is why Elnett has never been sold here (stylists we know would load up on the stuff whenever they flew to Europe). After many years of research, L'Oréal has developed a new, more eco-friendly version that's now available at Target stores. We sent it to Eva to test out. "It's got a less powdery scent than the original," she said. But otherwise? She couldn't tell the difference.

—KATE SANDOVAL



Stop That! Don't line your lips before applying lipstick

AFTER RECENTLY CLEARING UP the "Which comes first?" debate over mascara and lash curling (for those who missed it: curling), we posed the same question to makeup artist Napoleon Perdis about lip liner and lipstick. "Apply your lipstick; then use a lip liner to trace around the edges," he said. "The liner will glide on more smoothly than it does on a bare mouth, leaving a more natural outline but still creating a barrier against bleeding." To avoid ring-around-the-mouth, use a pencil that matches your lipstick shade, nothing darker. —JENNY RAILLY

Launched in 1958, L'Oréal Elnett has been a stylist's staple ever since.



WORD OF MOUTH:

A Luxurious Face Oil

WHEN I COMPLIMENTED a makeup artist friend on her glowing skin not long ago, she credited this face oil—then slipped me the phone number of a fashion stylist named Linda Rodin, who created the stuff in her kitchen. I called Rodin that very day, and she told me that I could find where to buy her Olio Lusso ("luxury oil") on her Web site, oliolusso.com (it's sold at several boutiques around the country). Even her dermatologist, David Colbert, MD, is carrying it in his New York City office and selling it online at store.nydg.com (it gently smooths rough, sun-damaged skin, he told me). A blend of 11 essential oils (from apricot seed to sweet almond), Olio Lusso (\$130) smells as sensuous as it feels gliding over your skin. Three days into using a few drops on my face and chest at night (I blend what's left into my cuticles), my skin already feels silkier. Rodin is launching an oil for the body (larger size, slightly less concentrated scent) this month. —J.B. >

