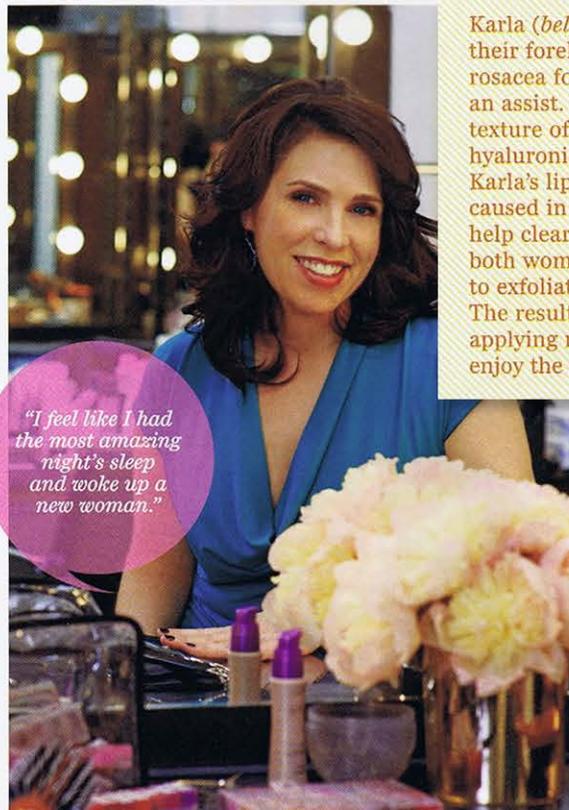


Inside Job

10 STAFFERS STEAL THE SCENE WITH A MAKEOVER OF THEIR OWN.

Every time we mastermind a beauty transformation in our pages, our colleagues ask: The only stipulation: They had to put themselves *entirely* in our hands—no see here all agreed to our terms. And are they glad they did! Their new looks are movie-star



"I feel like I had the most amazing night's sleep and woke up a new woman."



Corporate CLASS

Maureen Mooney
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ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

With a toddler and a full-time job, Maureen needs a convenient hairstyle. "But it shouldn't look convenient—the way her former chin-length style did," says Ken. A few more inches of length add flattering softness around Maureen's jawline and neck, and long, side-swept bangs are elegant

even when she simply pulls her hair into a low ponytail. (Ken gave Maureen the clip-in hairpiece she's wearing above to use while she grows out her hair.) A rich auburn haircolor adds brightness to Maureen's blue eyes. So does a simple chocolate brown eyeliner—which makeup artist Leanne Hirsh traced along Maureen's upper lashline before applying mascara and a berry lipstick. (Maureen also got some help from a dermatologist. Turn the page for details.)

Dress, Michael Kors, \$1,395. Earrings, Alexis Bittar.

Skin Savers

Karla (below) and Maureen (previous page) were both unhappy about the lines on their foreheads, and Karla had been struggling with acne since adolescence and rosacea for the past few years. We sent them to dermatologist David Colbert, MD, for an assist. He used microdermabrasion and light chemical peels to smooth the overall texture of their skin, and Botox to soften their frown lines. With Restylane (a hyaluronic acid filler), Colbert added a little volume to Maureen's cheeks and enhanced Karla's lips. On Karla, he also used a V-beam laser to erase the broken blood vessels caused in part by rosacea. Colbert gave Karla prescriptions for an oral antibiotic (to help clear her acne) and the topical solution Metrogel (to calm her rosacea). At home, both women started using Colbert MD Intensify Facial Discs two to three times a week to exfoliate their skin and Colbert MD Heal & Soothe cream at night to keep it soft. The results of the treatments have been nothing short of life-changing. "I used to hate applying makeup because I didn't want to look at my skin," says Karla. "Now I actually enjoy the process." And Maureen e-mailed us recently with big news: "I just got carded!"



"Now I look as beautiful and confident as I feel."

"I hardly recognize my glamorous reflection."

Super SOPHISTICATES

Karla Gonzalez
(Below left) 38
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE EDITOR IN CHIEF

Lauren Leighton
(Below right) 24
EXECUTIVE SALES ASSISTANT

Karla and Lauren assist the head honchos at O (editor in chief Susan Casey and publisher Jill Seelig). They can handle pressure behind their desks...but in front of the mirror, both freeze up. Ken's hair prescription for Karla: a major chop—eight inches off the bottom and soft layers around her face. The result is a softer, lighter style that doesn't make her feel too exposed. To neutralize the red tones in Karla's complexion, Ken lightened her base color a couple of shades and added caramel highlights. Her makeup was just as illuminating: golden highlighter on the tops of her cheekbones, a copper eye pencil, and a shimmery rose lip gloss. (Karla also got some help from a dermatologist; see "Skin Savers," left.) Lauren was nudged out of her comfort zone with blunt-cut bangs. "They give her a sleek hairstyle without going to an extreme," says Ken. With clip-in hair extensions and a little teasing at the crown of her head, Lauren morphed into a modern Brigitte Bardot (complete with softly winged black eyeliner and pale pink lipstick).

From left: Dress, Jones New York, \$134. Ring, Shop Design Spark. Top, Tory Burch, \$425. Skirt, Diane von Furstenberg, \$225. Bangles, Alexis Bittar.

