

New York City

Panyc Salon

JC Munguia

36 W. 17th St., 212-675-7269

Our heart sank when Munguia prescribed a single-process treatment to cover up our grays. Single, as in one. As in one-note. But Munguia promised the allover espresso tint would give our strands oomph without turning them inky. He applied the rich formula to our roots in broad strokes. The entire process took only 30 minutes, and the decadent result—a burnished chestnut hue—made our hair appear singularly healthy. \$95 and up.

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Fox & Jane

Lorean Cairns

154 Orchard St.,

212-837-2774

With just three chairs and one sink, this gem may be tiny, but it's big on hospitality. Cairns greeted us with a warm smile, a glass of wine, and instructions to ask for "anything we needed." She then examined our fine brown hair and suggested a deep cocoa glaze to make it appear thicker. The gorgeous, glossy color added depth and warmed up our pale skin. Sometimes, you really do get exactly what you need. \$89 and up. ★★★★★☆



JC Munguia adds shine to dark hair with a rich gloss at Panyc Salon in New York City.

Washington, D.C.

Urban Halo Salon

Nash Noufal

2900-B Clarendon Blvd.,

Arlington, VA, 703-527-4256

We got a good look at Noufal's handiwork even before we sat in his chair: His station, against a giant window, faces one of Arlington's busiest street corners. Although we hardly enjoyed being on display, Noufal won us over by promising to beef up our limp hair. He dispatched two inches off the bottom, leaving our ends blunt for a sleeker effect. Our shoulder-skimming cut looked so lush, we'd better get used to having all eyes on us. \$75 and up. ★★★★★

Atlanta

Selden Beylouni Salon

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375 Pharr Rd.,

404-549-8850

Beylouni first put us in a trance with a blissful scalp massage, then startled us out of it by producing a razor—something we feared would turn our puffy bob into an even puffier shag. But Beylouni coaxed our fuzzy strands into neat curves that cupped our chin. We were amazed: Our hair no longer resembled a neglected topiary but the sleek, polished style of our dreams. \$85. ★★★★★☆

Miami

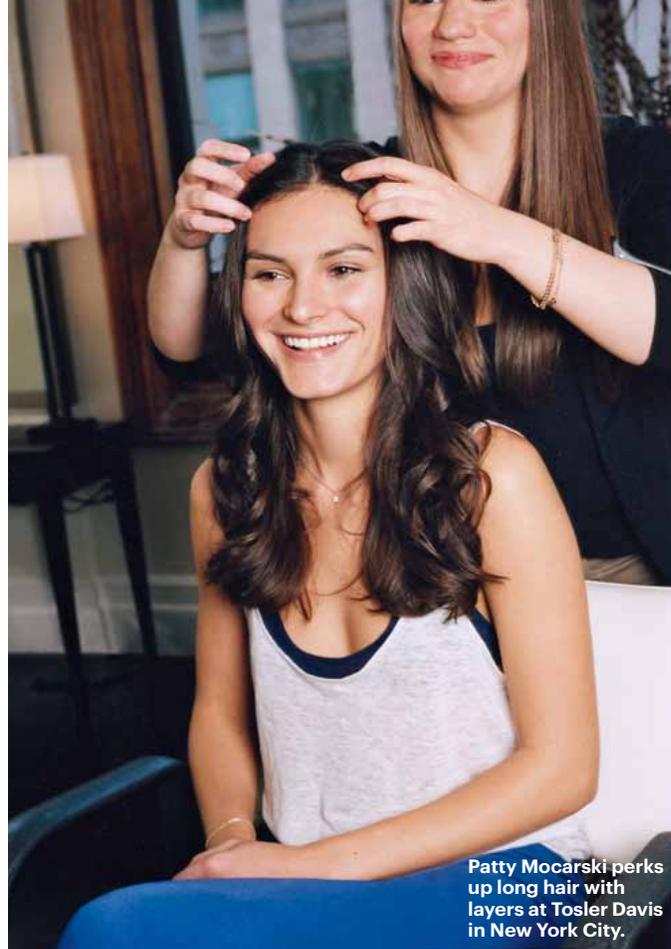
Salon Vaso

Darlene Mayorca

1500 Alton Rd., Miami Beach,

305-674-7470

We've bought flowers by the stem—never highlights by the foil. But we decided a touch-up service with Mayorca, who provides up to ten highlights for just \$5 apiece, would go easy on our hair and our wallet. She examined our dull dishwater blonde and suggested a subtle display of



Patty Mocarski perks up long hair with layers at Tosler Davis in New York City.

Tosler Davis

Patty Mocarski

89 Fifth Ave., New York City, 212-229-0100

We're notorious slackers when it comes to getting a trim, even cutting our own bangs on a few regrettable occasions. But Mocarski didn't judge. Instead, she proposed a wash-and-go cut that would grow out seamlessly. She sliced a few barely there layers to pump up our hair's pin-straight texture, then softened our blunt bangs, adding some graduated pieces in front that subtly lifted our cheekbones. Before we left, Mocarski invited us back for a free bang trim, so we'll never have to take matters into our own hands again. \$95.

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gold and caramel ribbons around our face and crown. The flickers of warmth made our hair so shiny and our complexion so bright, we looked perkier than a California poppy. Spot Light service, \$50. ★★★★★

Detroit

Alex Emilio Salon

Scott Raymaker

409 S. Main St.,

248-414-7600

Raymaker suggested warming our frosty base with a combination of wheat and

russet highlights, applying the reddish hue to the undersides of our hair to prevent them from looking stripy. The vibrant glints peeked out with every head turn, played up our freckles, and knocked years off our face. \$100. ★★★★★

Chicago

Sine Qua Non Salon

Jenna Rose

3417 N. Lincoln Ave.,

773-404-8789

Rose has tattoos and a slash of hot pink through her punk

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