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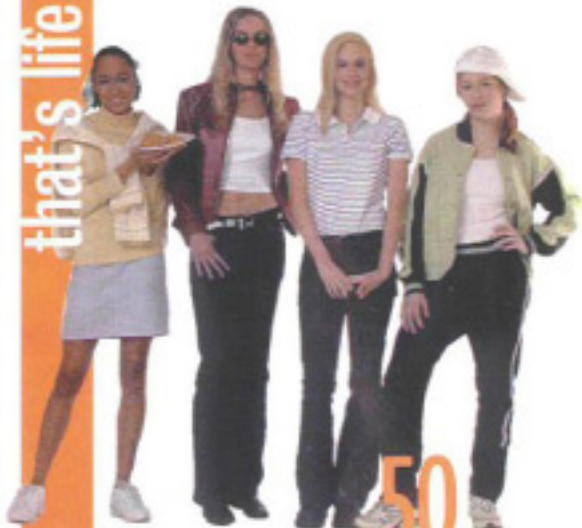
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Ask Rocco

Our editor's own hair stylist responds to some of your personal hair hang-ups

Hi Rocco,

I recently stopped dyeing my hair and am trying to grow out the color. Now my hair seems really flat. I've tried volumizing shampoos and other

things, but nothing works. Any suggestions?

Amanda B.

Amanda, it's true that color gives fine hair more body, but a great haircut with some or lots of layers, depending on your hair's texture, will also do the trick. When styling, use a great volumizing mousse or spray, just at the roots, to create volume without weighing hair down at the ends.

Dear Rocco,

I have a very thin, long face and lots of thick, wavy hair. Could I get a

shorter cut? It would be so much easier for me to care for.

Kelly P.

In my experience, especially with wavy hair, I have found that going shorter doesn't always make styling easier. Consider leaving some length and getting rid of the bulk. Ask your stylist to cut long layers. I wouldn't recommend going above the shoulder; if hair is really coarse or curly it may grow out instead of down. To make styling easier, Kelly, try scrunching hair with a bit of gel to work with—and make the most of—the waves you've got.

Hey Rocco,

I think it's really cool that you are so young and have such an awesome job. My problem is that I'm on the swim team and the chlorine is making my hair look green and dull. Any at-home tips?

Jennifer L.

Unfortunately, Jennifer, if hair's already looking green, you need to get to the salon for a professional consultation. You may need to color hair back to its original state. The color may also help revitalize your shine. In the future, use a clarifying shampoo immediately after swimming to prevent chlorine from penetrating and damaging hair. Regular conditioning is also key to keeping hair shiny and moisturized. And thanks for the compliment; I really love what I do.

Dear Rocco,

I recently tried to cut bangs into my long hair. I didn't do such a good job. Now I've got too-short layers all the way across my forehead and over my ears. What can I do until it grows back?

Chelsea D.

Oh, no Chelsea—you cut your own bangs? That's your hairstylist's job. Anyway, now that the damage is done, you should head to your stylist. Have him or her add some layers to blend in with the ones you already gave yourself. When going for first-time bangs or if you're unsure, it's always a good idea to enlist the help of a pro. Once the initial cut is done, you can try giving yourself a trim between salon visits by twisting bangs and snipping vertically into them.

Hi Rocco,

I've had the same long, one-length style since I was in 5th grade. I'm going to be starting high school and want a cool, new look. What's a hip style that isn't too hard to do?

Madison R.

Madison, there are a lot of really cool fun haircuts out there; it's just a matter of choosing one that suits your face and lifestyle. Look through some magazines and rip out some styles you like. Some celebs have been sporting pretty great styles lately. If you're feeling brave, Reese Witherspoon's short, chunky, layered bob is an awesome look. For a less drastic style, try a version of Sarah Michelle Gellar's face-framing, long-layered cut. ■

