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Making waves is easy with the right tools (and a few tips from the pros).



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Do-it-anywhere tonging (literally)

It's around the same size as your wallet, but don't be fooled by its teen-tiny appearance. The VS Sassoon Mini Pro 25mm Ceramic Curling Tong, \$22.95, 1800 650 263, is perfect for zhoozing up curls while you're out and about. And unlike big



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tongs, which can be tricky to manoeuvre in short hair, it fits in right at the roots and handles tricky layers around the face like a dream. Plus, it comes with a carrycase the same size as your sunnies holder for easy toting in your handbag.



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More than just a straight-up curler, each of these wands has a little something special that sets them apart.



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Tips for keeping it real

Nobody wants highly strung curls. Here are two simple ways to get the waves you wish you had naturally.

1. Mix it up: "For fuller-looking waves, use a curl-boosting spray to give the hair texture, then vary the direction and thickness of the sections you're curling. It creates movement in the hair and looks more natural than tight curls," says hairstylist Oscar Cullinan.

2. Ban the brushes: "Avoid using a brush to break up curls and rake your fingers through your hair with a shine serum or crème instead," says Neil Moody, director at Moody Hair. "Then use a hairspray to stop waves from dropping - especially if you have naturally fine hair," he continues.



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John Frieda Frizz-Ease Spiral Style Curl-Defining Spray Gel (left), \$16.99, 1800 468 318, and KMS California Hairstay Quick Finish Spray, \$23.95, 1800 506 060.