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fix your fringe

THE PROBLEM: Whether it's cowlicks, gaps or stray strands, your bangs are behaving badly.

THE SOLUTION: "For stubborn fringes a small, round brush is a must," stresses Xydis. Create lift at your roots by moulding your hair around the brush, then blast with a shot of hot air from your dryer. To keep your fringe looking fresh, try a spritz of dry shampoo to tide you over to the second day.

STYLE SAVERS: ghd Natural Bristle Radial Brush (1), \$34; Klorane Gentle Dry Shampoo (2), \$16.95; VS Sassoon Ultimate Salon 2200 Hair Dryer, \$72.95.



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tame fly-aways

THE PROBLEM: Fine and wispy strands are creating a fuzzy, halo-like effect around your hairline.

THE SOLUTION: To calm fly-aways, apply a light styling cream or anti-humidity spray to dry lengths before you leave the house, advises Charles. However, if you're out and about and your hair is threatening to frizz, apply some hand cream, then run your hands through your lengths, avoiding the roots. To prevent fluffiness before you style, Charles recommends a nourishing conditioner - the added moisture helps your style stay sleek.

STYLE SAVERS: KMS California Moistrepair Revival Creme (3), \$29.95; Dove Damage Therapy Intensive Repair Conditioner (4), \$6.49; Brazilian Blowout Açai Shine & Shield Spray Shine (5), \$43.95.



MARC JACOBS



get an extra day

THE PROBLEM: You don't have time to wash and style your hair, but you still need to look polished.

THE SOLUTION: "A high ponytail is always a good stopgap if you're having a bad hair day. When done right, it's elegant and easy," enthuses Charles. To create the perfect high pony, he suggests "tilting your head and looking up" while pulling your lengths back into an elastic. If you want something sleeker, Xydis recommends a low style teamed with an exaggerated side part. For added polish, finish with a light mist of hairspray and take a small amount of hair from the underside of your elastic, wrap it around and secure with a bobby pin.

STYLE SAVERS: Pantene Pro-V Style Stay Smooth Hairspray Flexible Hold (7), \$6.99. BaByliss PRO Ceramic Technology Anti-Static Styling Comb (8), \$4.95. ▶

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conceal regrowth

THE PROBLEM: Your roots are beginning to show, but your colour appointment is still a few weeks away.

THE SOLUTION: According to Xydis, adding volume at your roots when blow-drying will help to disguise obvious regrowth. She also calls on coloured dry shampoo to help carry you over to your next salon visit - it coats your strands in a fine, tinted mist that helps hide visible lines. It's also best to avoid severe styles, like slick centre parts or tight ponytails - they'll only exaggerate the problem. Instead, opt for natural, free-flowing locks to conceal colour issues.

STYLE SAVERS: Cedel Dry Shampoo For Dark Hair (6), \$7.99.



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go from desk to dinner

THE PROBLEM: You need to create an effortless style that takes tired tresses from day to night.

THE SOLUTION: Try a style that's sleek on the sides and textured on top, like a high bun, suggests Xydis: "It's chic and helps to disguise the oil at your roots." Start by pulling your hair into a high ponytail, and then back-combing your ends to boost volume. Next, apply hairspray to your lengths to add texture. Finish by taking some bobby pins and twist your hair into a bun, securing at the base.

STYLE SAVERS: Gliders Sports Bands Ponytail Holders (2), \$4.45 for a pack of six; Redken Fashion Work 12 Versatile Working Spray (3), \$26.95; Hair FX Fringe Pins (1), \$4 for a pack of 100.



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control curls

THE PROBLEM: Your waves are dry, frizzy and near impossible to style.

THE SOLUTION: When curly hair becomes unruly, it's because it is dehydrated, explains Charles. To boost moisture, twist a nourishing cream or oil through your curls from mid-lengths to ends, avoiding your roots. To define waves that have dropped, use a styling tong and curl random sections to help get your bounce back.

STYLE SAVERS: Cloud Nine The Wand (7), \$270; Schwarzkopf Professional BC Oil Miracle Light Finishing Treatment (8), \$39.95; MoroccanOil Curl Control Cream (9), \$44.50.



add accessories

THE PROBLEM: You are after an easy, instant style update.

THE SOLUTION: Hair accessories are one of the simplest ways to dress up your look. "They help to disguise bad hair days by creating a focal point and are a great way to express your personal style," explains Xydis. This season, leather-embossed headbands made a statement at Fendi, while simple black bands added a '50s feel at Louis Vuitton and Valentino. Get the look by pulling textured tresses into a low ponytail or chignon and placing your band over the top. For night, adorn your 'do with jewelled creations for high-impact chic.

STYLE SAVERS: Diva Embellished Alice Band (10), \$14.99. ■

8 refresh your blow-dry

THE PROBLEM: You want to extend the life of your salon-dried style. A good blow-dry should last a couple of days, but it's dependent on your hair's natural oils and what you get up to throughout the day, explains Xydis.

THE SOLUTION: To prolong your look, take a cushion brush and hair-dryer and gently smooth over your lengths from root to tip. To conceal grease, Xydis swears by dry shampoo - apply it to your roots, then let it settle before blasting with cold air.

STYLE SAVERS: Taylor Madison by Brushworx Boar Bristle/Nylon Large Cushion Brush (4), \$19.95; Matrix Total Results Amplify Volume Hairspray (5), \$24.85; John Frieda Luxurious Volume Anytime Volume Refresher (6), \$15.99.



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