

A full-page photograph of Rihanna. She is wearing a vibrant red, off-the-shoulder dress with a large, draped shoulder detail. Her hair is styled in a long, sleek ponytail that has been dyed a light gray color. She is looking over her shoulder towards the camera with a slight smile. The background is dark, making her and her hair stand out.

Hair Envy

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COVETED CUTS,
COLOR AND CURLS

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TRESS-SETTER

We can count on Rihanna for the unpredictable—and her hair is no exception. Always on the hunt for fresh styles, “she has a whole file on her phone of hair, makeup and things that inspire her,” says Yusef Williams, who has created some of her notable looks. Williams is the man behind this sleek gray-infused pony that she wore to her Diamond Ball last December. With the exception of going completely bald, says Williams, RiRi is pretty much game for anything. And so we wait with bated breath to see what coif she comes up with next. Flip the page for what’s trending right now on our Hollywood hair feed.

HAIR

COOL CROPS & A HINT OF COLOR

Ditching long hair doesn't mean losing your sexy. A long bob, or lob, is a perfect compromise. Case in point: Gabrielle Union, who has sported flowing strands for years. "She really wanted something new. This cut is young and fresh for her," says hairstylist Larry Sims, who created a graduated razor cut on Gabrielle and then added caramel highlights. Keep it piecey at the ends to give it movement and it won't look like a helmet. Add some warm streaks for dimension. ▷



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—LARRY SIMS

Gabrielle Union



Angela Basset



Halle Berry



Jourdan Dunn



Tamera Mowry-Housley



Michelle Obama

"Subtle highlights add texture and brighten the face."

—DANIEL VILLANO,
MICHELLE OBAMA'S
COLORIST

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Solange



Lupita Nyong'o



Elle Varner



Ava DuVernay

SUPER NATURALS

The natural movement is still going strong and shows no signs of slowing down. "What's great about naturals is that you can coil it, twist it, braid it or even add extensions for length and volume," says celebrity hairstylist Ted Gibson, who has worked with naturalistas like Lupita Nyong'o. "I love showing the versatility of natural hair with Lupita," says Gibson. He shaped the star's fro into a crown for this year's Golden Globe Awards.

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THE BRAIDED BUNCH

Talk about a throwback. Everything old is new again, and we're loving the resurgence of chunky box braids à la Janet Jackson in *Poetic Justice*. We spotted a side-swept version on Tia Mowry, and Zoë Kravitz rocked hers with a partial top knot. Eclectic songstress FKA twigs rocked a redux of 1970's bang braids (beads and all!). No matter what your style, pretty plaits are an easy way to transition if you're not ready for the Big Chop or if you just want a cool protective style. ▷



FKA twigs

Zoë Kravitz

Tia Mowry

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