

Insta-Stars

NEED A LITTLE
HAIRSPIRATION? WE'RE
MAJORLY CRUSHING
ON THESE TEN LADIES
ON INSTAGRAM
BY NYKIA SPRADLEY

These days, if you're stuck in a hair rut or just want a pretty pick-me-up, look no further than Instagram. In search of cool, accessible and creatively fresh looks, we combed through (pun intended) some of our favorite feeds to find trendsetters who are making us swoon over their styles.

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TRENDING NOW: ENDLESS STYLE INSPIRATION

@jfashiongirl87

JESSICA PETTWAY

In one word my feed is... Regal.

I'm inspired by... Stylish women from all over the globe and, most important, my daughter and selfie buddy, Kai.

Selfie 101: First clean the lens. Next, find the perfect lighting. Then find your angles and werk!

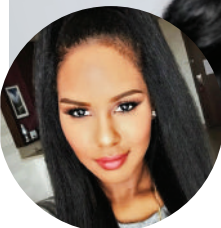
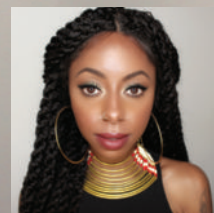
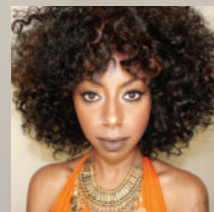
My secret weapon photo app is...

I absolutely love Perfect365. It's great at making your pics look flawless!

Most memorable moment on IG...

A head wrap selfie I took with my daughter that went viral.

"In one word my Instagram feed is... Regal."
—JESSICA PETTWAY



@glamtinkels1

KELSEY MURRELL

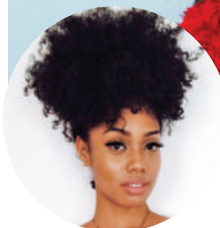
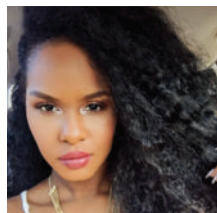
In one word my feed is... Inspiring.

I'm inspired by... My awesome followers!

Selfie 101: Good lighting and know your best angles!

My secret weapon photo app is... Facetune.

Most memorable moment on IG... Reaching 100,000 followers!



@themindofmutiny

LOREDANA ITUAH

In one word my feed is... Crescive.

I'm most inspired by... Any type of art that sends a message.

Selfie 101: Great lighting and confidence.

My secret weapon photo app is... Aviary photo editor.

Most memorable moment on IG... The *FACES* Web series I participated in. ▷



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: JESSICA PETTWAY (4); LLOYDHEARSTAC (3); GLAMTINKELSI (2); MICHAEL CARSON.

HAIR : HEADLINERS



@SimplyCyn

CYNTHIA ANDREW

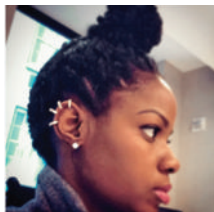
In one word my feed is... Happy. **I'm inspired by...** Life, travel, other people, but mostly happy moments. **Selfie 101:** Give yourself a few options, good lighting is key, always shoot from eye level or above, and be natural. **My secret weapon photo app is...** I love Aviary and Snapseed for photo editing on the go. **Most memorable moment on IG...** My travel moments are always the most moving. I go back to see where I've been.



@stylecarmen

CARMEN LILLY

In one word my feed is... Inspirational. **I'm inspired by...** Anything that I feel evokes true style and my intention to motivate. **Selfie 101:** I don't really take selfies. I need some tips for people with short arms! **My secret weapon photo app is...** Camera+ for cropping and adding borders to my photos—it's a one-stop shop! **Most memorable moment on IG...** I like posting about my other designer friends, especially the emerging talent.



@naturally_zeze

ZEINAB MURSAL

In one word my feed is... Fro-fabulous! **I'm inspired by...** My East African culture mixed with my London upbringing. **Selfie 101:** Lighting, lighting and lighting! Don't take it too seriously, capture the moment and let your personality shine through! **My secret weapon photo app is...** Instant Picframe to make really cool photo collages with text. **Most memorable moment on IG...** I always go back to a picture collage I created of my natural hair journey over the past five years. It really helps me see my progress. ▷



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STYLISTS TO WATCH

THESE FAB FOUR ARE TURNING HEADS (AND TRANSFORMING HAIR) WITH THEIR MAGIC FINGERS



PEKELA RILEY

► @PekelaRiley

In one word my feed is...

Hairspiration!

I'm most inspired by... The beauty mood of the day.

Selfie 101: Lighting! Also, holding the camera slightly overhead to slim the face.

My secret weapon photo app is... Self Retouch to get a soft spot blur effect.

Most memorable moment on IG... Launching my #SuccessCamp classes. I was blown away by how enthusiastic other stylists were to come and be a part of it.



LEISELLE BARNETT

► @Hairbyleiselle

In one word my feed is...

Breathtaking.

I'm inspired by...

My clients and followers.

Selfie 101: Great lighting and good makeup.

My secret weapon photo app is... MoreBeauté.

Most memorable moment on IG... When my followers and clients express their love and appreciation for the work I've posted. Their comments encourage me to work even harder.



GILLIAN GARCIA

► @artistry4gg

In one word my feed is...

Amazing.

I'm inspired by... The excitement that my clients and I get about my work.

Selfie 101: Clean your lens. Make sure your background is free of clutter, and always keep your back to the lights.

My secret weapon photo app is... Camera360.

Most memorable moment on IG... The first time I got reposted by @thecutlife. I was jumping up and down like I just hit the lotto.



SHADDAH ELYSE

► @shaddah_elyse

In one word my feed is...

Versatile.

I'm inspired by... Evolution, change, art and fashion.

Selfie 101: Find *your* angle. Be original, be you!

My secret weapon photo app is... I love switching the lighting here or there. I get blemishes, so I will blur them using Facetune.

Most memorable moment on IG... When my work was recognized by @thecutlife. My following climbed dramatically. I was so excited.



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