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FIVE FRESH IDEAS WE'RE OBSESSED WITH THIS MONTH BY NYKIA SPRADLEY



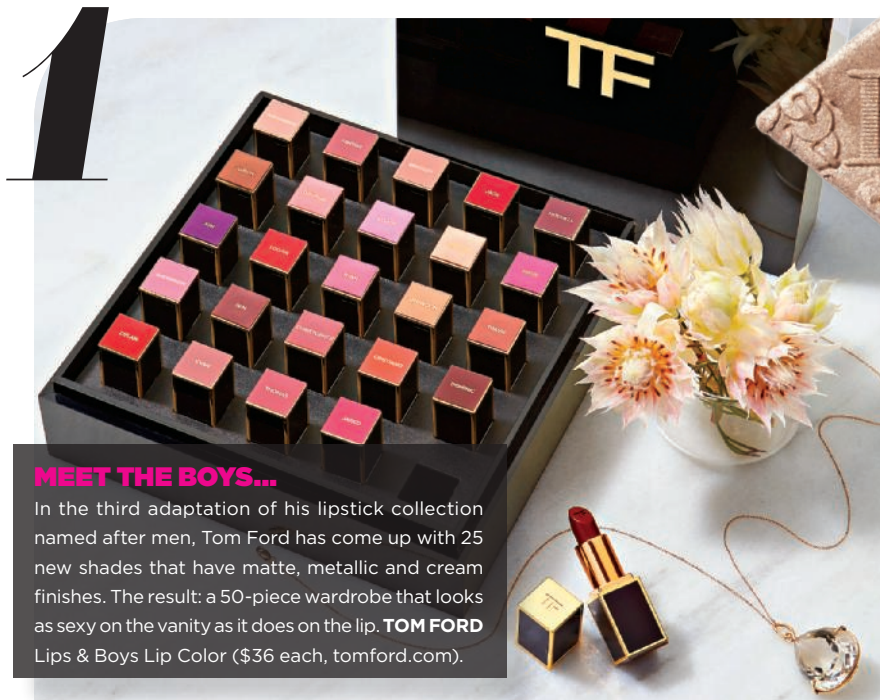
THE LOOK

Bring shimmer into the New Year with a metallic smoky eye. "Starting at the tear duct, use a small shadow brush to sweep the shadow under the lash line. Repeat on the eyelid and blend up to the crease. Layering between coats, using a damp brush, will increase the intensity and minimize shadow fallout," says Dior celebrity makeup artist Ricky Wilson.

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DIOR

5 Couleurs Splendor Eyeshadow in Precious Embroidery (\$63, dior.com).



MEET THE BOYS...

In the third adaptation of his lipstick collection named after men, Tom Ford has come up with 25 new shades that have matte, metallic and cream finishes. The result: a 50-piece wardrobe that looks as sexy on the vanity as it does on the lip. **TOM FORD Lips & Boys Lip Color** (\$36 each, tomford.com).

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We're in love with the coco

Kopari, whose coconut oil-based products for the body had us at hello, is launching a face care line. Since coconut oil is pretty much the holy grail of a brown girl's beauty routine, these newbies, which include a cleansing oil, toner, face cream and lip balm, are sure to be a crowd-pleaser.

KOPARI Coconut Cleansing Oil and Coconut Face Cream (\$32 and \$40, koparibeauty.com).



ESSENCE SALON DIRECTORY

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With the help of Swivel Beauty (swivelbeauty.com), we're curating the long-awaited **ESSENCE Salon Directory**. First up: **Ancestral Strands Braid Studio & Boutique**. The Brooklyn outfit specializes in twists of all kinds and offers herbal hair rinses and crown-energy readings. Patrons can also sip on hair growth teas during their visit. To book an appointment, go to ancestralstrands.com.



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TRENDING NOW

THE BOMB CHALLENGE

Bravo to influencers Jackie Aina, Alyssa Forever and Alissa Ashley for kicking off a series of makeup tutorials using only Black-owned makeup brands (BOMB). Jackie's look (above) included items from Coloured Raine and SheaMoisture. See the full product lists on these ladies' YouTube channels. Challenge accepted! We did our own BOMB tutorials. **Check them out at ESSENCE.com.**

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