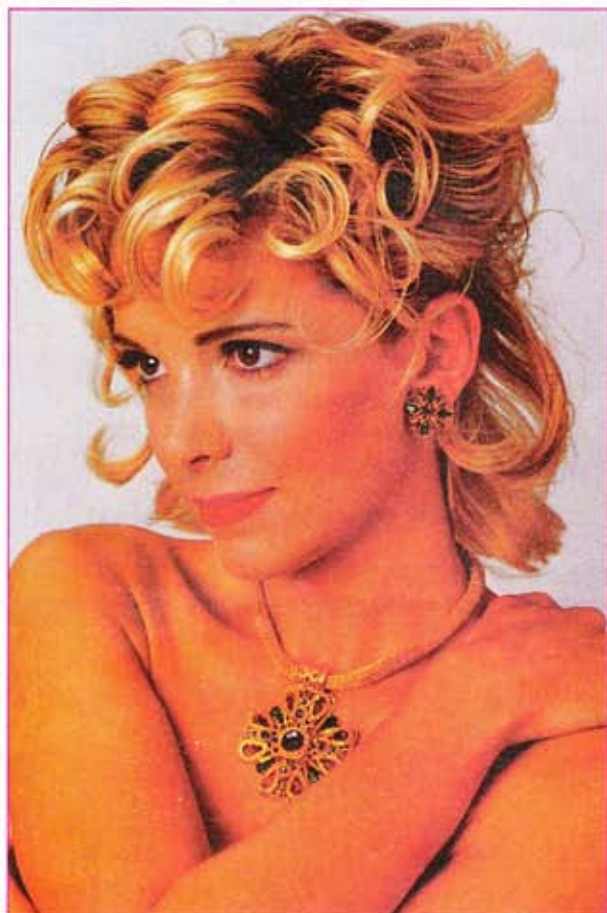


Fall Hair Predictions: L'Image

The "overstyled" look is out. This fall, we can look for softer perms, subtler colors and more natural looks in general. According to three stylists from L'Image Salons, we should expect the changing colors in nature to mean changes in hair design and color also.

Jay Long (Preston Park Village, Plano) comments, "The most versatile cut right now is a shoulder-length style cut in a forward direction



with wisps or subtle layering toward the face; a cut that's adaptable enough so you could pull it behind the ears or blow-dry it forward."

Says Jeremy McCarthy (Village on the Parkway, Addison) "In cuts, there's no more 'point-A-to-point-B' layering. It's a softer look, a Meg Ryan look." He sees both men's and women's hair as having more balanced cuts. "For men's hair, the cuts will be more equal, getting away from short in back and long on top. Overall, we see very few clients for a haircut only anymore. It's more likely to be cut-and-color, complementing each other."

Salvador (Village on the Parkway) also favors subtler looks for fall. "Color is going shinier, healthier, more natural. For example, highlights that show three or four shades, blending more with the original color. It's more multi-process, tone-on-tone. So you can have roots but there is a blending of color. Hair will be more healthy because the color no longer has to be pulled through it over and over. Perms will add body but we won't see the look from the '80s with lots of tight curl. But overall, what I like to see is a style that will work well for that person, regardless of trends and fads."

Jay echoes that. "Styles are based more on what clients want their hair to do than making it look a certain way temporarily."

All three stylists see reds as the color this fall. "It's a variety of reds," says Jay. "Auburn, copper...for the longest time, when people saw red hair color, it was all 'Lucille Ball.' There's so much more variation out there." Jeremy and Salvador both see the new fall reds as softer and more natural.

The fall looks will take us straight ahead into the holidays. "Classic updos are always in; also just taking the sides up and leaving the rest down," says Jay, who also sees using more ornamental combs this holiday season.

"Again, whether it's holiday hair or a special effect, the focus is what is best for that individual," Salvador stresses. "For example, for someone who comes in for a 'Friends'-type hairdo, I would want that client to learn what works best for the shape of the face, the type of hair, and develop it from there. Then there can be variations, of course, but I want to educate my clients so they will *always* look fabulous."

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