

Swept Away

When the holiday calendar starts filling up, make an updo your go-to glamour statement

There are a lot of festivities this time of year and you want to look fabulous at all of them. "Updos are a great way to amp it up when you don't have the time or money to go to the salon," says celebrity hairstylist Tippi Shorter. Which updo is right for you? Shorter breaks it down.



Gabrielle Union

THE NEW FRENCH ROLL

LOOKS BEST: Soft and touchable. No more stiff rolls. **WHY IT WORKS:** "The French roll (below) feels fresher now. It's not so high and it's more relaxed," says Shorter. Using less gel and hair spray not only makes the roll more flattering but it's also healthier for our hair.

HALF UP, HALF DOWN

LOOKS BEST: With shoulder-length or longer tresses. **WHY IT WORKS:** Versatility. No matter your texture—natural, wavy, curly or straight—the style can be dressed up or down to create a sophisticated look.

BRAID UPGRADE

Use a braided hairpiece to add dimension. Try *Dancing With the Stars* Bellissima French braid band (\$10, Ulta stores).



Shaun Robinson



Ciara

CHIGNON

LOOKS BEST: Textured. A bun doesn't have to be perfect. **WHY IT WORKS:** It's easy and always chic. Even when it's a little "undone," it's still appropriate for an office party or hanging out with the girls.

Updo Essentials

Your must-have picks for...



DEFINITION
KINKY-CURLY
Gloss Pomade (\$10, kinky-curly.com).

LIGHT HOLD
SEBASTIAN
Shaper Zero Gravity (\$14, 10.2 ounces, sleekhair.com).

SHINE
L'ORÉAL
Texture Expert Shine Perfection serum (\$21, beautyencounter.com).

SMOOTH EDGES
NOURITRESS
Nouri Edge-Stick (\$70, nouritress.com).

THE QUICK FIX

BUYING THE PERFECT BUN

Sonya Ingram of Hair Designs Salon in New Rochelle, New York, gives tips on keeping your clip-on virtually undetectable. **•Match hue as well as texture.** The trick? "Get

a piece that matches the color on your ends not the roots." **•Try two (or three) on.** Look for retailers that will allow you to sample before you buy. **•Primp it.** Take your bun to your stylist for a customized look.



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