



GET GLAM

From head to toe, from Santa Barbara to Westlake Village, salons and spas are primed for primping season.

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HAVE A GOOD HAIR DAY: A blow-dry bar in Westlake Village (in the North Ranch Mall) is opening just in time for the holidays. “Just wash, blow, and go,” says Michelle Wiebe, co-owner of **Just Blown Away** (justblownaway.com). Decorated with Old World accents—dark woods, copper ceilings, columns, and arches—the 10-chair salon offers five styles: “Bora Bora,” which is beachy and wavy; “Egypt”

for a sleek, straight, smooth look; “Sweden” for loose curls; “Sydney,” for big volume; and “Paris,” an updo. Customers can also choose the salon’s basic signature style, which uses a blow dryer and round brush to complement the hair’s texture, cut, and natural flow. A blow-dry is \$35, with upgrades (conditioning treatments, scalp massages, updos, and house calls) at additional charge.

GLOW, BABY, GLOW: The Alpha Beta Glow Facial (from \$75), a professional-strength hydroxy peel offered at **Remedy Skin + Body** (remedyskinandbody.com) in Westlake Village, promises to balance skin tone and diminish fine lines and pores. “Your skin will look fresh and clear, becoming a clean, smooth palette for makeup application,” says owner Talia Emery, M.D. For a golden glow, combine the facial with the add-on D-tan self-tanning treatment for \$10. “This provides additional radiance, so you’ll need less foundation and concealer,” Emery says. To tie in with Emery’s “look good, feel good, do good” philosophy, Remedy is donating 10 percent of the cost of any treatment, product, or gift certificate purchased to any local school designated by the customer through the end of December (offer also applies at Remedy at the Westlake Village Inn and skingrin.com).

SMOOTH OPERATOR: The seasonal full-body Sugar Scrub (\$170) at **Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore Santa Barbara** (fourseasons.com/santabarbara)—with its extracts of chamomile, myrrh, and passionflower—banishes flaky, dry winter skin, leaving it soft, smooth, and deeply moisturized.

BAT THOSE LUSH LASHES: Kitten lashes are all the rage for this season’s holiday parties, says makeup artist Shannon Loar-Coté, who recently set up her **Blush and Lashes** (blushandlashes.com) studio within the new Montecito Aesthetic Institute (montecitoaesthetics.com). “Everyone wants the flirty, cat-eyed, ’60s look, with lots of lash, lots of black eyeliner, and pale pink lips,” says Loar-Coté. The lash extensions (\$70) are applied just to the corners of the eyes and last up to four weeks. For an even more dramatic holiday gaze, for \$400 Loar-Coté offers lashes sprinkled with genuine tiny diamonds (totaling about one-third of a carat). “Your eyes sparkle with every blink,” she says. “And since they are strip lashes [as opposed to individual], you can wear your diamond lashes over and over.”

BEAUTY, DELIVERED: Makeup artist and brow specialist **Felicia Alva** makes house calls to Agoura, Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village, and Moorpark—a nice convenience when there’s no time for running all over town to keep beauty appointments (\$125 for in-home makeup, including brows; \$35 for brow shaping only). “I first determine face shape and measure where the arch should be, with inner edges lining up with the bridge of the nose. I prefer tweezing, as waxing can be harsh on the delicate skin around the eye. And I teach clients how to fill in eyebrows with the right products—it’s a bit of a lost art,” says Alva, who points out that more clients are aiming for a fuller-browed look. For holiday makeup, think sparkles and shimmer. “Metallic-flecked jewel tones are the buzzwords for shadows, eyeliner, lips, and nails—but I take into account how natural or dramatic a look my client wants,” she says. Alva also hosts group makeup lessons and “Cosmetics, Champagne & Cupcakes” glam gatherings (\$25 per person) in her new Flutter Studio (studioflutter.com) located in a private bungalow in Woodland Hills.

SMOOTH AWAY STUBBLE: Thick, lush hair is lovely on the head. On lips, legs, backs, or bikini lines—not so much. **European Wax Center** (waxcenter.com) in Westlake Village uses a natural, hard wax that adheres to and removes hair, not skin. It goes on comfortably warm, quickly dries, and is pulled off without muslin strips. Services include removing unwanted hair wherever it grows, from face to feet (prices start at \$9; bikini, brow, or underarm wax is free for first-time guests). ♦



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