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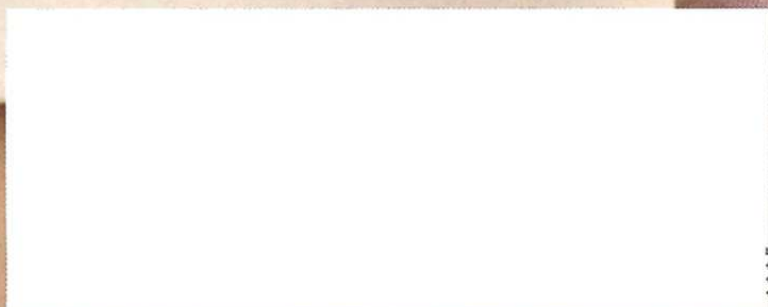
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Pretty Party Looks For You



pretty party hair

(You won't run late with these easy styles.)

No-fuss pin-back

The simple elegance of this style (left) makes it a crowd pleaser for all hair lengths, but it's especially nice for longer hair, says Mairead Gallagher, senior stylist at the Oscar Blandi Salon, in New York City.

1. Wear your hair sleek or wavy with this look. If you do wavy, consider braiding your hair damp the night before.



2. If you braided your hair, take it out and run a styling cream like Matrix Biolage Blow-In Control (\$16; Matrix.com

for salons) through your hair to polish and soften.

3. Part your hair down the middle and use your fingers to grab a small section from each side of the part. Twist the sections toward the back of your head and secure them with bobby pins. We like the flexibility of Kimble Beauty Rubberized Bobby Pins.

(\$7; Kimble Beauty.com)

4. Add a jeweled clip to the pinned section for a festive touch. For sparkle, try Goody

Luxe Desiree Bobby Slides. (\$7; Kmart.com)



Disheveled braid

If you can do a basic braid, you can quickly create this look. It holds up best with thicker hair.

1. Because this style benefits from as much texture as it can get, try it on the second day after you've shampooed.

2. Smooth out the top section using a brush with firm bristles like The Wet Brush. (\$14; Amazon.com)

3. Begin the side braid at ear level. Pull a few pieces from the braid to create a sultry effect.

4. Lock in the look with a hair spray like Garnier Fructis Full-Control Anti-Humidity Hairspray. (\$4; Drugstore.com)



Tousled topknot

Try this if you have hair that's shoulder-length or longer. The more hair you have, the larger and more dramatic the bun will be. It's perfect for showing off an outfit's pretty neck detail.

1. Spritz your roots with dry shampoo or texturizing spray to soak up oil and add volume, says Nicholas Penna Jr., owner of SalonCapri, in Boston. Try Oribe Dry Texturizing Spray. (\$19.50; Oribe.com)

2. Twist hair up into a knot and use a tool that helps you pin and secure your bun. Our pick: Oscar Blandi's Pronto Styling Pin. (\$12; BlandiProducts.com)



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