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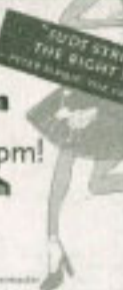
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skirt below the knee — it's more sexy when it's slightly longer. It gives that air of mystery to it."

The crop

If a long, flowing mane is a look you just can't pull off, you're in luck.

"Hair is moving into shorter lengths," says Chad Taylor, co-owner of Moods Hair Salon.

In addition to the bob, short crops have been showing up on the runway on international models like Agyness Deyn and Cecilia Mendez, and on actresses like Selma Blair. The look is short on the sides but with more texture on top, says Taylor, who has worked regularly for MTV and New York fashion week.

In longer hair, the trend is toward more volume, whether it's straight or wavy, he says. "But instead of it being kind of wispy, it's moving into stronger lines and heavier lines around the perimeter."

Fringes can be full and square with a '60s look or softer and swept to the side, says Taylor. Colour-wise, "healthier, rich tones" that are more or less one shade are more up-to-date than starkly contrasting highlights.

Long and soft

Some celebrities are still sporting it, but the dead-straight look is on the wane, says Kevin Lai.

"Not many people want flat, straight hair any more," says Lai, a stylist at Avant Garde Hair Studio and style director at Blo, the new Yaletown blow-dry bar. "Everyone is looking for movement in their hair."

So rather than using your flat iron to press all the volume out of your hair, use it to twist your locks into soft waves, he suggests. It will last longer than using a curling iron and you won't risk burning yourself, he says.

The idea is to create a style that looks "fun and not done — messy, but in a good way," Lai says.

It's a look that's popular now on actresses like Ellen Pompeo, Drew Barrymore and Hayden Panettiere, and Lai expects it to stick around at least for the rest of the year.

But remember, just because a style looks great on a celebrity doesn't mean it's right for you.

Talk it over with your stylist to make sure you don't wind up with an ill-chosen cut and a Britney-esque urge to take it all off.

Whether or not to go with a fringe depends mostly on the shape of the face, he says, with a soft fringe brushed to one side being the simplest and easiest to wear.

But for many women, hairstyle trends really don't matter, says Lai. "If they don't feel comfortable with it, they will never do it."

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LONG AND SOFT

Hayden Panettiere sports a style that stylist Kevin Lai expects to be around for the rest of the year.



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Katie Holmes shows a short style.



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THE CROP

Model Agyness Deyn crops her hair.

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