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### 1. PLAIT YOUR PART

Press refresh on old-school braids – working tough micro weaves back with loose, chunky cable twists hits fashion's texture-clash moment. Your edgy element? A skinny braid snaking along your side-part line. "Start with day-old hair or a shot of texturiser for grip, then make a 5cm-wide section with a tail comb," instructs braid-master Barney Martin. "It's really a simple three-strand plait – take it all the way back to your nape, scooping up new bits of hair as you go to hold it close to your head." Keep it tight!

- 1. Silver Bullet Carbon Metal Tail Comb, \$6.95 (1800 251 215)
- 2. Matrix Design Pulse Cloud Control texturing paste, \$20.95 (1300 656 247)



### 2. CABLE KNIT

Switch to a wider, prettier weave to softly frame the other side of your face and inject a romantic, relaxed feel. Grab a fat wedge of hair, blowdry in a pump of volumising mousse and back-brush in body. "Divide it into two strands and just wrap them around each other like a rope, picking up extra pieces as you curve around to the back," Barney says. Insider trick: it's easiest to wind it in neatly, then loosen it up with your fingertips later.

- 1. SunsilK Co-Creations Daring Volume Plumped Up Volume Mousse, \$6.99 (1800 061 027)
- 2. ghd Oval Dressing Brush, \$34 (1300 443 737)



### 3. TWIST & TUCK

You've got options: repeat the loose braid on the other side (under the skinny braid) or pull hair back into a low pony. Then pile and pin whatever's left loose into a messy roll, bun or freestyled stack... "Twist the tails of your braids into a mash-up, tucking the ends away with bobby pins," says Barney. "To finish, free a few strands at random – a flyaway effect is key." Add a halo of hairspray. Toughen it up in statement leathers or go pretty in cashmere knits. This hair is ready to go anywhere!



- 1. L'Oréal Professionnel Infinium Lumiere hairspray, \$14.95 (1300 651 141)
- 2. Scunci Black Bobby Pins, \$6.95 for pack of 90 (www.scunci.com.au)



Kate Beckinsale goes black tie with a drop earring



Keira Knightley's pretty twist

## BRAIDAL PARTY

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