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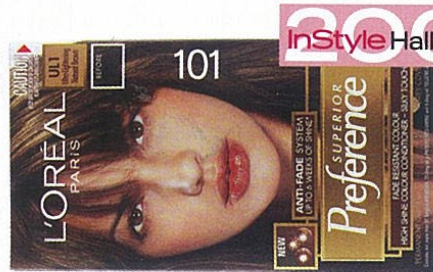


# 130 best beauty buys

InStyle reveals the  
top products  
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**101 PERMANENT COLOUR**

L'Oréal Superior Preference, \$17.45; 1300 659 259.

This kit is "as good as a professional colour", says stylist Frank Galasso, who has tended to Gwyneth Paltrow's locks. Stylist Danilo (Gwen Stefani's mane man) praises the "long-lasting, bright colour".

**102 HIGHLIGHTING KIT**

Garnier Multi-Lights kit, \$14.50; 1300 659 259.

It's the quick and easy way to get great highlights at home. The formulation delivers colour that looks natural and shiny, and the fine-tooth comb applicator allows for precise, personalised application.

**103 BEST NEW PRODUCT**

L'Oréal Casting Crème gloss, \$14.95; 1300 659 259.

Available in 18 amazing shades, this ammonia-free, non-permanent colour adds lustre to dull locks, providing a luminous shine and a hit of intense colour. It's also suitable for covering greys.



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**104 TOUCH-UP KIT**

Clairol Nice 'n Easy Root Touch-Up, \$12.60; 1800 028 280.

"This makes it easy to do touch-ups along the part and hairline," says colourist Kathy Galotti, who recommends it as a quick fix for easy colour jobs (single-process colour, not highlights) and for covering greys.

**105 GLOSSING PRODUCT**

John Frieda Luminous Color Glaze, \$19.99; 1800 468 318.

Don't have time for a trip to the salon? This three-minute glaze is applied in the shower (after shampoo and conditioner) to pump up colour and boost highlights. The best part is the immediate difference you'll notice in overall sheen.

**106 CURLING IRON**

BabylissPRO Ceramic curling iron, \$71.95; 1800 251 215.

With curls and tousled waves firmly established as a hot look, tongs are the gadget of the moment. Frederic Fekkai, who tends to the tresses of Debra Messing, Claudia Schiffer and Kim Basinger, loves the Babyliss brand.

**107 INEXPENSIVE HAIR DRYER**

VS Sassoon High Torque 2000 hair dryer, \$69.95; 1800 650 263.

This dryer offers many of the same talked-about technologies—tourmaline ceramic technology for smoothing, three heat and two speed settings for faster, more gentle drying—found in higher-priced versions at a fraction of the cost.

**108 PADDLE BRUSH**

Mason Pearson Handy Bristle and Nylon brush, \$135; 03-8587 4560.

We'd be worried if this world-class brush didn't win again this year. Hairstylist Zoe Irwin just can't be parted from hers: "All you need is one. If you care for it, it's yours for life". Use it for styling, grooming and to simply look fabulous on your dresser.

**109 ROUND BRUSH**

Spornette Radial brush, \$14.95; 1800 251 215.

These affordable round brushes have two types of bristles: longer nylon ones to reach all the way to the scalp and shorter boar bristles that grip hair for styling. "My Spornette brush glides through the hair and creates voluminous curls," explains stylist Amber Kerns, who uses it on Alison Lohman.

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**110 STYLING IRON**

GHD Styler, \$299; 1300 880 209.

These ceramic irons heat up at lightning speed and aren't just used for straightening. "They're great for creating curl and texture," says celebrity stylist Richard Ward, who uses his tongs on Spice Girl Geri Halliwell. "Twirl sections of hair around the irons—the faster you pull them through the hair, the softer the curls will be," says Ward.

**111 HAIR DRYER**

Parlux 3500 SuperCompact Ceramic & Ionic Edition hair dryer, \$169.95; 1800 251 215.

Although it's only 17cm in length, this professional dryer packs a powerful punch. The combined effects of ceramic and negative ions help to radiate heat inside the hair shaft without drying out the external structure, giving smooth-as-silk results.