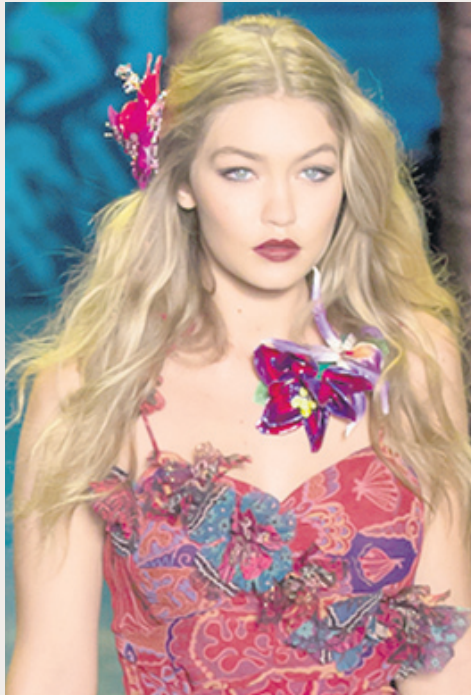




Trends for 2016

IN SMILES ON ACCESSORIES AND NOVEL TWISTS



Flower power: Get brightly coloured floral-inspired hair accessories. This trend is particularly great for the warmer summer months and works best with bright colours. When done correctly, these accessories can help turn your hair into a work of art. They can either act as a nice contrast to a more somber outfit or can make a brighter outfit like a summer dress stand out more. It is a great 'beauty in the tropics' look. Dolce & Gabbana and Anna Sui (pictured, above) did this well by pairing it with on-trend hairstyles.



Tail spin: Another great functional trend for the working woman or the busy mother was the low-slung pigtail, which can either be braided or left loose. When clipped with an eye-catching metallic accessory, they are even better and I would definitely say cooler looking. This low-slung trend was done nicely by Chanel and Marni, who had graphic detailing. Miu Miu (pictured, above) had a middle parting, slung over the shoulders ponytails and a headpiece to inject a cool vibe. Celine had a polished ponytail that was almost floating and this tied in with the braids trend too. Lower texturised ponytails ooze a flirtatious confidence and that is what a lot of big designers opted for on catwalks.



Wet look: This look continued to be popular on the catwalks during the Spring/Summer 2016 shows with designers, including Kenzo and Missoni giving their models wet-look hair. DSquared2 also continued the fashion industry's recent desire to give wet-look locks as did a number of celebrities including Kendall Jenner. I loved that Julien Macdonald (pictured, above) incorporated on-trend thin braids into his models' wet look.



EAGLE EYE: Dimple Sanghani puts all the styles from the fashion shows through the drier



Side parting: Whether you have a bob or lovely long, flowing locks like Aishwarya Rai Bachchan (pictured, above), the side parting is proving to be popular this season. Roberto Cavalli did the side parting with a quiff to give off a tomboyish look really well. Meanwhile, Fendi had models with faux bobs that had deep side partings. Creating a side parting with French braids also worked well.



Knots landing: Tying up hair wasn't just about the ponytails, twists and braids, the big knots are also proving popular. Whether it is the simple topknot, as incorporated by US designer Anthony Rubio (pictured, above), side-knot buns, slick chignon, fishtail bun or high bun, tying your hair in knots is classy. Sonam Kapoor incorporated all the trends recently when she braided and side-parted her hair and knotted it into a bun.

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Idle thumb syndrome

INSPIRATION for this week's column came to me when I was sitting with my friend Kirsty in a London pub during one of her trips to the capital for work. Like me, Kirsty is 33, single and actively dates. Usually when we meet, discussions lead to boy-talk as we are both single and date, so have similar predicaments. This occasion was no different.

One thing that cropped up in discussion was that women will wait for a guy to text or call us. It is a fact that no matter what a woman says, they want a guy to call or text. When they do, it is a moment of joy and happiness. A woman's face lights up when they see the name of a man they desire flash up on their phone. But over a bottle of wine we came to the conclusion that many guys call or text us when they are bored or perhaps have itchy fingers or thumbs.

Picture this, it's Sunday evening and after an action-packed Saturday, you're chilling out and watching your current favourite series on Netflix. Chances are the guy you're kinda seeing may be doing the same and because he's bored he thinks: "Hey, let me give Priya a buzz," and he does. You get that text saying: "Hey, how's it going, how was your weekend?" But you know what, chances are you have had an amazing weekend and after your last date, which was a week ago, you're starting to lose interest because he hasn't been in touch.

If a guy likes a girl, why hasn't he contacted her sooner? It also works just the same for women. Some women don't see it going anywhere with a certain guy, but totally enjoy the attention so may text to say: "Hey, fancy a drink?" When in reality they are probably also still swiping right on Tinder or messaging their exes.

In conclusion, you need to be truthful to not just the other party, but also to yourself. Do you really see this going anywhere or is this person you are getting textual with someone to pass the time with? Is it someone from whom you just enjoy the attention? When you get the urge to call, text or meet this person, is it because you genuinely like them or is it purely because there is no-one else and you're bored?

Women are getting more and more ballsy and independent. Men, on the other hand, (I'm sorry to say), especially deeper into their 30s, think dating is like being in a candy store and they have their pick of all the tasty delights in the world, where as women just want a kind and loving human being.

There is no point wasting yours or someone else's time as this leads to many things, including hurting someone's feelings and could stand in the way of you or them finding true love. So think twice before texting.