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Ready to find a fly, new hairdo for fall? Our experts predict sleek ponytails, faux fishtail braids and loose waves are the top three styles fierce fashionistas will be sporting next.

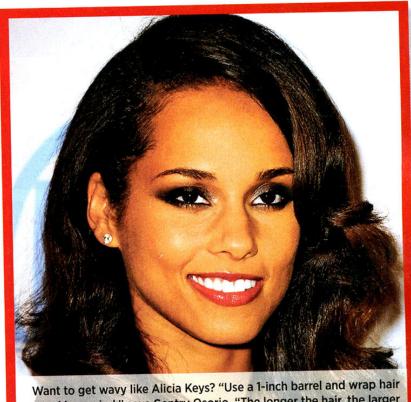
New York City stylist Carla Gentry Osorio (Jada Pinkett Smith and Kerry Washington) reminds those who crave loose waves that healthy hair is a prerequisite for the classic style. Another factor to consider is length. "Hair below the shoulder is best," she advises. "The longer the hair, the better to see the wave."

For those who prefer to wear their strands off their face in a sleek ponytail, Nicholas Penna Jr., owner and lead stylist at Salon Capri outside Boston, knows just how to achieve this minimalist, carefree style. "[You can] change up your desired height," shares the New York Fashion Week go-to hair pro. "A lower pony achieves a simple, more muted look, while a pony that sits higher up adds boldness."

The faux fishtail braid offers unique versatility to your autumn hairstyle files. "This style is great for the girl next door or the risk taker," explains New York City veteran stylist Lavette Slater. "For the girl next door, I would do a shorter braid and not that messy. For the risk taker...a variation is to style the braid high on the crown and create an extra long braid."

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Want to get wavy like Alicia Keys? "Use a 1-inch barrel and wrap hair around in a spiral," says Gentry Osorio. "The longer the hair, the larger the barrel." To maintain this style, pin-curl the hair before bed and cover with a satin bonnet to protect waves and sheen.

Optimum Salon Haircare 6-in-1 Miracle Oil

Rockin' a posh pony? Maintain a shiny mane and keep edges and kitchen moisturized with this nourishing product that's free of damaging mineral oil, silicones and parabens. It contains jojoba, avocado, argan and coconut oils that leave hair ultra-hydrated without any dreaded greasiness. \$6, mass retailers nationwide



Andre Walker Total Keratin Obsession Deep Conditioning Pak

Make sure your tresses are in tip-top shape before attempting any style—especially loose waves (seen on A. Keys). This powerful potion is packed with olive oil and aloe, which restores moisture, Moroccan argan oil which protects from damaging UV rays, plus Keratin which strengthens. Use weekly for shinier hair that's full of body. \$15, andrewalkerhair.com





Shu Uemura Sheer Lacquer This trusted salon staple keeps braided 'do's in place and strategically messy. The spray holds hair and maintains shape without weighing down tresses. \$38, shuuemuraartofhair-usa.com