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Funny girl
Tracee Ellis
Ross shows off
the best of the
season's beauty

Spring Awakening

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Tracee Ellis Ross still likes to play dress-up. During the eight seasons she portrayed Joan Clayton, *Girlfriends*' quirky, romantically challenged lawyer turned entrepreneur, she kept us guessing which styles she would sport next. Each week she moved between power suits and bohemian chic, and likewise switched her coif from curly to straight and back again. The 35-year-old actress, whose personal magazine collection dates back to 1983, keeps an "inspiration board" of fashion editorials affixed to her wall. She's even been known to bestow nicknames on her favorite hairstyles.

"I come from a line of big-haired ladies," says Ross with a laugh, over a cup of ☛

Nars Monoi Body Glow II,

\$59, sephora.com.

Clarins Single

Eye Colour in

Jungle Green,

\$20, clarins.com.



COLOR THEORY There are two ways to go this spring when it comes to beauty: soft and light or bold and brazen. Here Tracee embraces her dramatic side with charcoal eyes, red lips and a fancy updo.

Chanel Rouge Allure Luminous Satin Lip Colour in Lover, \$30, chanel.com. **MAC Lipstick** in Russian Red, \$13, maccosmetics.com. **Dior Rouge Dior Replenishing Lipcolor** in Plum Plot, \$27, sephora.com. **Yves Saint Laurent Pur Shine Lipstick** in Tommette, \$29, saksfifthavenue.com.



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herbal tea at a West Hollywood eatery. The second daughter of music icon Diana Ross, Tracee says she got her first style lessons at an early age as a spectator in her mom's dressing room. "I have a great closet of clothes, including some of my mom's old pieces," says Ross, who often styles herself and does her own hair and makeup, both on and off the set. "I've had pretty consistent taste since I was young, and my body hasn't changed much, so a lot of things that worked on me back then still work on me now."

Like her relationship with her signature mane, which, by her own admission, has evolved from frustration to adoration, her fashion sense has become more confident over time. Whether she's working the red carpet or shopping at an organic market for ingredients for her homemade safflower oil-rich body scrub, Ross prefers to stick to the basics: a bold lip and nude eyes, or vice versa. This spring, however, she's looking forward to exploring a brighter palette. "I'm a big lipstick girl," she says, "and I love a great matte color, like hot pink. I'm happy to claim that!" But don't let the lip color fool you because, underneath it all, she'll most likely be moisturizing her pout with a bit of calendula salve—the drugstore variety. "I'm a bit of a hippie," she admits. "I just love beautiful things and I am very feminine...very much a woman."

—REGINA R. ROBERTSON



NATURAL INSTINCTS Above, Tracee shows off the more subtle side of springtime—a soft French braid, a clean face with a kiss of apricot on cheeks and eyes. Sun-kissed skin and well-conditioned strands finish the look.

Clockwise, from left:
Guerlain Ombre Eclat eye shadow palette in Bronze Doré, \$57, nordstrom.com.
DiorShow Powder in Star Brown, \$41, sephora.com. **Weleda Sea Buckthorn Creamy Body Wash**, \$15, usa.weleda.com. **Kérastase Nutritive Oléo-Curl**, \$58, kerastase.com.



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