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Q&A With Color Genius Marie Robinson

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settle down with just one salon, I think it might be **Marie Robinson's** new airy Flatiron space. As far as salons go, this one is seriously laid-back, the staff all clearly love each other and have fun together, and their talent is nothing short of amazing. Marie, who was the star colorist at Sally Hershberger downtown, opened the salon last month with my fave stylist Tommy Bucket), and has been getting raves since. This area - Marie (who has had a hand in dozens of young celeb makeovers) made blonde tresses, and Tommy gave me, once again, the perfect cut. Naturally,

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How did you get started doing hair?
Growing up, I had a natural ability for drawing and painting so it was easy for my grandmother, who recognized my abilities early on, encouraged me to consider going to college. I then put myself through cosmetology school as my family

What do you love about what you do?
Six months after I started cosmetology school, I landed my first assistant job in a Manhattan salon and learned that I loved doing color. I loved every aspect of it! The stars aligned for the Marie Robinson salon - luckily. Everyone I could have ever dreamed about working with has joined our staff and our family is only growing. I've known some of my staff members for more than 10 years and have worked with all of them at some point in my career. I'm even working with some of my go-to experts like colorist Bryan Thomson-DiPalma and makeup artist and brow expert Landy Dean.

How can you protect your color at home?

1. Don't shampoo daily. Simply rinse and condition the hair every other day as shampoo can wash out the color.
2. Use shampoos and conditioners intended for color-treated hair.
3. Avoid exposure to sun especially if you're a redhead, as this can cause fading.
4. Avoid chlorinated pools, this is a sure way to lose red or brown pigments from the hair. It can also turn blonde hair green.
5. Don't use heat-styling tools daily. Flat irons, curling irons and even blow drying can damage the hair shaft. Damaged hair is not able to retain color the way that healthy hair can.
6. Most hair color is not damaging unless you are going from one extreme to another such as going from platinum blonde to black or brown.