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Beauty Buzz: Colorist Marie Robinson's New Flatiron Salon

Some hairstylists linger over paint swatches and wall treatments when dreaming up their first salon. For colorist **Marie Robinson**, whose new self-titled space opened its doors last week in Manhattan's Flatiron District, it was all about the waiting room. "I know it's a weird little detail, but no matter what the size of the salon, it's always too small," she says emphatically. "Everyone ends up sitting on top of one another!"

In her case "everyone" might include actresses **Uma Thurman**, **Rachel Weisz**, or **Anne Hathaway**. That's because Robinson has made a thriving career out of sweating the details, whether it means settling on the exact shade of caramel brown to flatter actress **Rachel McAdams**'s skin tone or determining the perfect platinum pitch for **Jennifer Connelly**'s new film role.

Her namesake salon was no exception. "I wanted it to feel like home," says Robinson, who, along with business partner/veteran hairstylist **Abell Oujaddou**, worked closely with designer **James "Ford" Huniford** on the interior (which, for the record, includes two waiting areas for clients on either end of the airy 5,000-square-foot space).

If "home" is a light-filled earthy-meets-industrial Manhattan loft, then it certainly hits all the right notes—thanks in part to thoughtful contributions from Robinson's list of loyal power clients, who weighed in on everything from the floating walls to the series of framed images from up-and-coming photographer **Ruvan Wijesooriya**.

As for the muted ocean-inspired color palette, which manifests itself in everything from barrel-back chairs upholstered in sea foam velvet to burnished metal stools with silvery blue pony-skin seats, "I went over to Ford's apartment to talk about the salon and I became obsessed with the blue-gray color of his painted wooden floors," she says. "We built an entire mood around it."

The salon's main attraction, however, is Robinson and Oujaddou's all-star roster of talent, which arrives with a heavy celebrity contingent of its own: stylists **Tommy Buckett** (**Ashley Olsen**), **Ryan Trygstad** (**Sandra Bullock**), and **Allison Woodruff** (**Parker Posey**), and colorist **Bryan Thomson-DiPalma** (the man behind Robinson's own white-hot platinum hair), to name just a few. Superstylist/friend/mentor **Danilo** will also call the salon home base in New York, dropping in and out between editorial shoots with clients like **Gwen Stefani** and **Dita von Teese**. And in the interest of full service, Manhattan brow guru/makeup artist **Landy Dean** is on hand for stress-free lessons and flawless touchups.

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