

Daniel Mostyn's

Dirty Little Secrets #1

Brunette Beauties are back.

Never wear brown to town. Remember that old wives' saying?

Well, according to Dirty Girl's founder and director Daniel Mostyn, those old wives couldn't be further from the truth on the topic of tresses.

The brunette is back this season with evidence and inspiration seemingly everywhere we look, be it on catwalks such as Dries Von Noten AW '11 and Chloe AW '11; sported by celebs like Natalie Portman and Mila Kunis; and showcased in high end campaigns such as Miu Miu with

the gorgeous Hailee Steinfeld. Convinced? We thought so.

"Balayage has left the building,"

says Mostyn. "And entering is the velvety, classic brunette."

The current trend in brunette sees an injection of richness and warmth, the "natural" hair tones with oodles of shine, depth and richness.

Keen to turn your locks one of this season's desired mocha shades? Whether you desire a deep choc velvet or soft biscuity tone, Daniel Mostyn shares some insight...

Skin tone:

Olive Skin: Choose a warm shade to complement the warm skin tone such as a chocolate hazel, which will bring out a cleaner palette and create a glow. Cooler/darker shades will exaggerate flaws in olive to dark skin.

Freckly & Fair Complexion: A warm velvet brunette is perfect for this skin type. A warm tone will define freckles beautifully and

bring lightness to the complexion. **Pink Tone:** Cool shades work beautifully, namely violet brunette. It will enhance the pink within the skin for a fresh, youthful look and will make the natural lip colour pop.

Blonde to brunette: Change is great, but remember if you are blonde and are planning on going dark, it will take approximately 8-12 months to once again be perfectly (and healthily) blonde.

Rethink your current style:

Darker hair requires the perfect form, meaning brunette enhances the cut, be it a great style or a bad one. If you need to update, go with a cut you can style well yourself and which complements your face shape.

Maintenance: Home care is vital to maintain intensity and shine. Use good colour enhancing products

and apply an enriching treatment regularly. Also, ask your stylist to coach you in styling your hair correctly, so that the colour and cut complement one another.

Pros: Overall, brunette is very versatile as it creates a neutral canvass for wardrobe choices and make up selection (although opt for either a strong lip or eye, generally not both). The right colour will enhance your natural glow, make your eyes pop and even make you appear more youthful.

And, they say brunettes exude power, are successful in their careers and are intelligent with a touch of mischief... dare to be dark!

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