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UPGRADE YOUR LOOK—INSTANTLY

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MAKEUP, SKIN

Years ago at a Bobbi Brown press event, Bobbi told us she considered a colorful scarf akin to makeup—that loosely wrapping pink or coral cloth around your neck was as face-brightening as blush. I agree and have relied on vibrant scarves on a number of occasions to make me look well-rested and pulled together when I felt neither. This week, I discovered another easy, instant, and uber-chic way to polish up my act *stat*: a vivid Evie Marques “The Jane” necklace. (Even better, unlike a scarf, it won’t exacerbate a heat flash. Hah.)



The Jane necklace by Evie Marques in “Caramel on a Black Cord.”

Evie Marques is the brain child of my dear friend [Susan Swimmer](#)—also a recovering magazine editor (we worked together at both *Marie Claire* and *More*). She based The Jane, a bold, big-beaded design, on a cherished piece she inherited from her mother Evelyn Swimmer. (Evie was her mother’s nickname; *Marques* comes from the “mark” her mother left on Susan’s design esthetic.)

I’ve known Susan for more than fifteen years and can tell you she is fearless when it comes to accessorizing. She will create an enviable arm party of cuffs and bangles like a boss, she was doing the statement necklace before it was a *thing*, and she can spot a diamond in the rough, literally. She has convinced me on more than one occasion to try on a bauble I might have overlooked—and *bam*. Magic.

Evie Marques’s The Jane (named for its simplicity and timelessness) is currently available in sixteen colors (that’s [Blush on a Black Cord](#), above). I chose [Caramel on a Black Cord](#) (pictured on me at left) because it goes with everything, and the nude-y hue makes my skin look a little sun-kissed. Susan convinced me I should also get [Cloud on a Black Cord](#) (the beads are a pale blue) because it matches my eyes. And once again, bam—she was right. (To see me in my The Jane in Cloud, hop over to my [Instagram](#).)

Want to score your own strand and see what I mean? Visit Susan’s [Evie Marques online shop](#).

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