



FLUFFY PIECE

The fuzzy pastel ribbons that held back models' wild curls at the Fendi couture show (shown here) looked like unspooled cotton candy. Really, really luxurious cotton candy. They were, in fact, mink fur. If pelts aren't your dig (we hear you), use craft-store faux-fur trim to tie back any amount of hair. Look for natural colors (which make fakes look more luxe), and leave the ends long and uneven. —JESSICA CHIA

PRODUCT REVIEW

Curaprox Toothpaste



What it is: A charcoal-based whitening toothpaste

Key ingredients: Activated charcoal (lifts stains); mica, titanium dioxide, and tin oxide (brighten teeth); ethyl menthane carboxamide (freshens breath)

How it looks/feels: It's a photo negative of your everyday toothpaste: jet black with blue flecks. Mid-brushing, the gel could pass for any other paste—nongritty and foamy with a mild minty flavor—until you eye the unnerving tar-covered appearance of your teeth and gums in the mirror.

Why we like it: Rather than bleaching (and potentially sensitizing) teeth, charcoal absorbs surface stains to return teeth to the shade they were approximately 5,185 coffee runs ago, says dentist Joseph Banker. It'll take a week or more before stains start to lift, but a mineral-based blue pigment subtly tints teeth so they look a bit brighter after one brushing. —JESA CALAOR

Above: Curaprox toothpaste and toothbrush.

TAKING NOTES

Liquid Gold

Whiskey is having a moment. Bourbon and American whiskey sales rose nearly 8 percent last year. And now fragrance brands are serving up scents with blatantly boozy accords. *Phuong Dang Leather Up* combines whiskey, rose, and suede for an effect so smooth, it skims the pulse points. Constructed with three primary notes, *Elizabeth and James Nirvana Bourbon* is spare, modern...dare we say neat? *Cypress Fig* by *Apolis* balances vanilla bourbon with splashy citrus, while *Replica Jazz Club* by *Maison Margiela* distills the swank and smoky essence of an upscale speakeasy. Shaken or spritzed, each of these scents has an earthy, assertive quality we find straight-up sexy. —LIANA SCHAFFNER



From left: Elizabeth and James Nirvana Bourbon, Apolis Cypress Fig, Maison Margiela Replica Jazz Club, and Phuong Dang Leather Up.

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