When it comes to looking good, New York women want Natalie Portman’s nose, Anne Hathaway’s hair and Julia Roberts’ pearly whites.

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Jennifer Zealof, 23, is the front-desk manager of a trendy downtown hotel. As one of the first people to greet arriving guests, she is, in a sense, the face of the hotel. Last winter, she decided that face wasn’t quite up to snuff. She worried that her appearance wasn’t living up to the visibility of her position. “My nose was too long, and went down when I smiled, like a beak,” explains Zealof, who commutes daily from Long Island. Her solution: Natalie Portman’s small elegant nose. She went to Manhattan plastic surgeon Alan Matarasso to make the transformation. “My friends want to look like Kim Kardashian, but I think Natalie Portman is more natural and elegant,” says Zealof. She’s so pretty, and now I have a natural beauty like she does. Before, because of my nose, I was a little shy, but now I’m more confident and my interaction with guests is smoother.”

Zealof isn’t the only one looking at famous features as a kind of wish list. Everyone from NYC plastic surgeons and dermatologists to dentist, brow groomers and lash specialists are being visited by clients armed with a photograph of the star whose look they covet. In the past it was Nicole Kidman’s nose and Jennifer Aniston’s hair that women were...
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after. No more. These days, New Yorkers covet the dark-and-sultry look "People are swinging toward looking more natural, which is one of the reasons they are veering away from blond," says dermatologist Paul Jarrod Frank "That bleached or highlighted look is associated with having work done, and nobody in New York wants to look like one of those 'Housewives' from any state. They want to look like they haven't done anything — and that takes a lot of effort, by the way."

One of the reasons many celebrities look so good in photos is due to their sharp, squared-off jawlines. Twenty-nine-year-old Chelsea resident Melanie Segal was getting married to a man obsessed with Jennifer Garner, so she went to Manhattan cosmetic dermatologist Howard Sobel, in an attempt to look as close to her fiancé's ideal as possible. "[My fiancé] thought I looked similar to Garner, but I didn't have her really strong jaw, so to surprise him before the wedding, I changed it," says Segal. Sobel injected Radiesse, which is made from the same substance as bones and teeth, to create that definition, and then tightened the skin around it with a laser. "It was a huge difference right away, and I sent my fiancé a photo looking just like Jennifer Garner, with a note that said, 'I heard you are a big fan of mine.'"

Women are also opting to go bold in the brow department. "They want strong, dark brows," says brow guru Joel Healy, who has his own salon on Fifth Avenue. "Even celebrities ask for the brows of other celebrities. Krya Sedgwick just asked me for brows like Eva Mendes, and model Devyn asked for the Megan Fox brow. In fact, Megan has been so requested that I've had days when girls are lining up outside my door with photos of her and I'm hitting those up with dye."

Moistures are another focus of imitation. For the perfect pout, Jolie is still the gold standard. "They love Angelina's lips and those lashes are her signature. They make a statement that she is a diva," says Mazzara, 41. "I'm a bit of a diva, too, and who wouldn't want to look like her? I get compliments now everywhere I go. I don't care for a lot of makeup, so these lashes are all I need."

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Jessica Black wanted Anne Hathaway’s effortless pixie cut, but the Upper West Side dancer added her own purple hue.

Tabitha Mazzara says she’s “a bit of a diva, too” like Kim Kardashian and had a salon pump up her luminous lashes.

Jennifer zealof loved Natalie Portman’s “natural and elegant” nose and had plastic surgery to get it.

Model Sarah Moreno went under the knife to get chiseled cheekbones like those of Jennifer Lopez.

Other in-demand celebrity features include Megan Fox’s brows, Angelina Jolie’s lips, Anne Hathaway’s hair, Jennifer Lopez’s glowing skin and cheekbones, Kim Kardashian’s lashes and Julia Roberts’ smile.

"It’s such a celebrity-oriented culture, and people like to feel that they can achieve a version of the glamour for themselves," says lash expert Alicia Hunter, who makes house calls in NYC. "Lately, everyone is either asking for [Jolie’s lashes], which are more class, elegant and smoldering, or the Kardashian over-the-top, inyour-face trash lash, which I do with individual mink extensions," says Hunter.

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