

Kramer Shaw's cuts are anything but old-fashioned. She snips precise bobs and streamlined layers that are flattering on every face shape.

READER PERK! Free deep-conditioning treatment (\$20 value) with cut

HOUSTON

CERON SALON

→ 1180 Uptown Park Boulevard
713-892-8330
→ Price: \$100 and up

Mexican-born, French-schooled Cerón is a master at taming coarse curls so that they behave in Houston's humidity. His ability to craft gravity-defying party updos keeps his salon packed with locals. Cindy Crawford, Lauren Hutton and Ivana Trump have all stopped at this salon when they've been in town.

READER PERK! 20% off any cut or color service; 10% off makeup or nail service

LOS ANGELES

SALLY HERSHBERGER LOS ANGELES

→ 760 N. La Cienega Boulevard
310-854-4922
→ Price: \$150 and up; an appointment with Hershberger is \$800

This minimalist penthouse, which Hershberger describes as a "futuristic bungalow," attracts stars like Cate Blanchett, Natalie Portman and Charlize Theron, who come for the rock and roll chops and sexy bed-head styling.

READER PERK! Complimentary Supreme Head styling products (\$25 value) with cut or color service

MIAMI

ORIBE SALON

→ 1627 Euclid Avenue
305-538-8006
→ Price: \$100 and up

Welcome to a South Beach hot spot that has all the glitz you'd expect from a stylist superstar. Oribe

(pronounced OR-bay) has a staff trained to deliver glistening color and chic cuts that have a sex appeal befitting his sizzling location. Just ask client Jennifer Lopez.

READER PERK! 20% off any cut or color service

Oribe's Midas touch: 24K Gold pomade, \$49; oribe.com.

NEW YORK

OSCAR BLANDI

→ 545 Madison Avenue
212-988-9404
→ Price: \$90 and up

At his sprawling new midtown space (it measures a whopping 9,000 square feet!), Blandi and his masterfully trained staff trim the tresses and pump up the color of Jessica Biel, Faith Hill and Shakira. With a cappuccino bar and Nintendo DS area (where kids can wait), everyone gets the VIP treatment.

READER PERK! 20% off first appointment at the hair and scalp treatment bar; 20% off first appointment with junior stylists or junior colorists

PIPINO NEW YORK

→ 3 Centre Market Place
212-871-5533
→ Price: \$120 and up

From the opulent baroque wallpaper to the custom-made Fendi chairs, luxe doesn't begin to describe this dazzling salon. And when it comes to shaping hair, Pipino's precision cuts—long layers are his specialty—guarantee that you'll never have a hair out of place.

READER PERK! Complimentary conditioning treatment and 15% discount off any service (bring a friend and you both receive a 25% discount)

PHILADELPHIA

GIOVANNI & PILEGGI

→ 256 S. 16th Street
215-568-3040
→ Price: \$60 and up

Owner Giovanni Mele is known for trend-setting cuts (his updated Twiggy pixie is the current Philly craze). Locals also swear by his Keratin Treatment with Collagen (\$300–\$400), a 45-minute de-frizzing process that leaves hair so smooth and silky, some clients claim they don't need to blow-dry anymore.

READER PERK! Complimentary deep-conditioning treatment (\$20 value) with any cut or color service

PHOENIX

MANE ATTRACTION SALON

→ 3156 E. Camelback Road
602-956-2996
→ Price: \$49 and up

This intimate spot draws clients seeking cuts that fall perfectly but require minimal upkeep. Before even lifting their shears, stylists meticulously study your bone structure and hair texture, then ask questions about your lifestyle. Consider it insurance.

READER PERK! Complimentary deep-conditioning treatment (\$28–\$45 value) with cut or color service and 10% off salon services

SAN DIEGO

JET RHYS

→ 3846 Fifth Avenue
619-291-7511
→ Price: \$45–\$160

At this bustling salon, stylists specialize in the "middy" cut—that small-change-big-impact trim that helps growing-out styles get through the awkward stage.

READER PERK! Complimentary L'Oréal Professional Texture styling product (\$25 value) with a cut or color service

TIP SHEET

EVERYONE WHO TOUCHES YOUR HEAD SHOULD GET A LITTLE PAYBACK

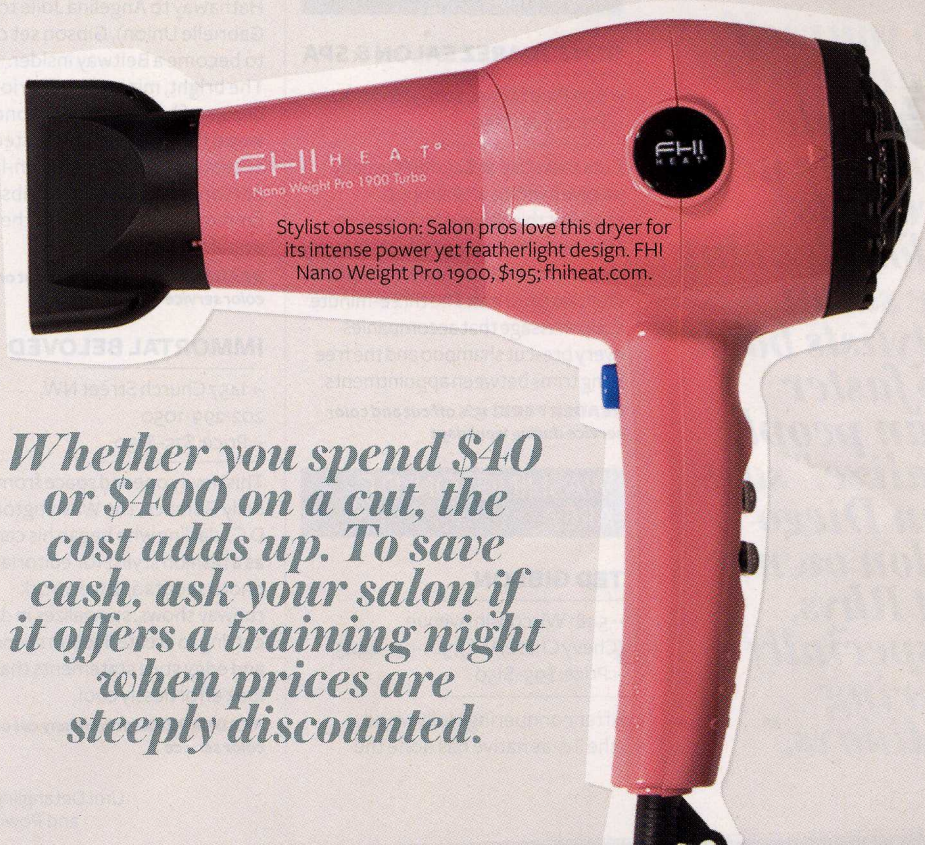
Cut, Color, Relaxer
at least 15%

Extensions 20%

Assistant \$10–\$20

Shampoo \$3–\$5

Blowout \$5–\$10



Stylist obsession: Salon pros love this dryer for its intense power yet featherlight design. FHI Nano Weight Pro 1900, \$195; fhiheat.com.

Whether you spend \$40 or \$400 on a cut, the cost adds up. To save cash, ask your salon if it offers a training night when prices are steeply discounted.