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HAIR SURVEY
SAYS:
37%
of readers use a
curling or flatiron on
days they don't
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BEST FOR ALL HAIR TEXTURES
FHI HEAT RUNWAY IRON

"Use an iron with a temperature gauge so you can fine-tune it for your texture and density," Ted Gibson says. "Coarse hair needs 450 degrees, but finer hair doesn't." An iron with a digital display, like FHI's, is most precise, Adir Abergel says. "If it's been on for 30 minutes, the iron won't go over the set temperature so you can't burn your hair." \$400; beautygalaxy.com.

BEST FOR CREATING MANY LOOKS
HOT TOOLS JUMBO 1-INCH IRON

"There's no limit to the styles" a 1-inch barrel can create, says Matrix pro Mark Townsend. For loose ringlets, he holds the wand vertically, winds a small section around the rod, then releases hair and gently tugs on the ends. For waves, he holds it parallel to the floor and wraps 3-inch sections around the whole iron (over the clamp). \$44; hottools.com for stores.



BEST FOR NATURAL, BEACHY WAVES
ENZO MILANO CONICO CLIPLESS IRON

Ryan Trygstad used to remove clamps from curling irons to give hair a beachy look; then he discovered this gem. He starts from the middle of the hair shaft and spirals it down the barrel, leaving ends out for a long, loose curl. He counts to five and releases. The graduated cylinder creates "wild, playful" waves, he says. \$140; 866-641-3696.



BEST FOR SPLIT PERSONALITIES
TED GIBSON BEAUTY PROFESSIONAL CERAMIC TOURMALINE STYLING IRON

Thanks to its rounded edges, this two-in-one tool straightens and curls. To straighten hair, slide sections through the ceramic plates. To make waves, wrap them around the curved edges on the outside (as if you're using a curling iron). Or do both: Smooth hair with the iron and twist it slightly at the tips to get a sexy bend at the ends. \$225; Saks Fifth Avenue.



BEST FOR SHORT HAIR OR BANGS
R SESSION ROOT CONTROL IRON

The two-sided, short-tooth comb on this iron gets very close to the scalp without burning it, making it ideal for bangs and short layers. "It's great for touching up the hairline between blow-dries, and it also works wonders for touching up roots on relaxed hair," Abergel says. \$180; rsessiontools.com.



BEST FOR SMOOTH HAIR IN A HURRY
REVLON WET TO SET STRAIGHTENER

Wet-to-dry irons have steam vents so moisture evaporates as you straighten. "They're great if you're in a rush, but not for every day," Jimmy Paul says. His tips: Use on damp (not wet) hair, and apply a silicone-based styling cream first. "Slowly glide the iron down 1½-inch sections," he says. "Any bigger and they won't dry properly." \$35; ulta.com.



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